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SYNOPSIS: Angeles Sobell Committee

REFERENCE

Report of SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON dated February 16, 1959, at Los Angeles.

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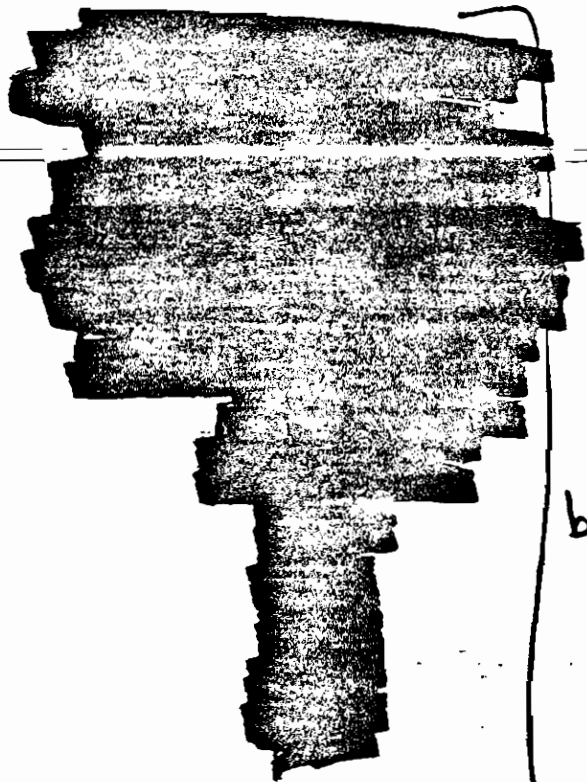
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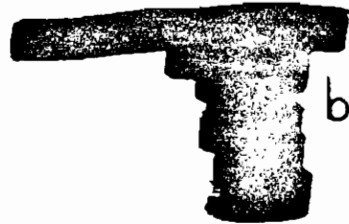
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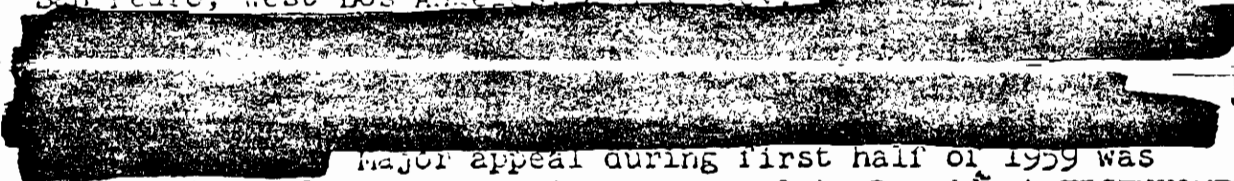
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FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

As of August, 1959, headquarters of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC) was located at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Informant advised in May, 1959, that the LASC from its inception was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party (CP). As of August, 1959, the LASC composed of 5 chapters, Los Angeles Area, Long Beach, San Pedro, West Los Angeles, and Valley.

 Major appeal during first half of 1959 was an appeal to clergymen to sign an appeal to President EISENHOWER for executive clemency for SOBELL. Numerous meetings of LASC held, and Western Regional Conference held in an effort to further activities in behalf of SOBELL. Subversive ramifications indicated through connections with CP, Socialist Workers Party, and Communist-dominated organizations.

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DETAILS:

For purposes of brevity the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will hereinafter be referred to as the LASC, and the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell will be referred to as the NCSJMS.

I. HEADQUARTERS

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As of August 5, 1959, the headquarters of the LASC was located at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

As of August 5, 1959, the Long Beach Chapter of the LASC maintained an address of Post Office Box 5053, North Long Beach Branch Post Office, 3800 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

II. ORIGIN

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The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67, as "A local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles***The Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee***.'" *

Informant advised that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell adopted that name in the fall of 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were from their inception dominated and controlled by the Communist Party (CP)

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through the assignment of CP members to direct the activities of the committees.

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As of July 27, 1953, SOPHIE DAVIDSON was a CP member.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953; and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta...

III. SCOPE

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As of August 5, 1959, the LASC was composed of the Los Angeles Area Chapter, Long Beach Chapter, San Pedro Chapter, West Los Angeles Chapter, and Valley Chapter.

During the past six months other Sobell groups, such as the Fresno Sobell Group, have worked intermittently with the LASC, but were not recognized as full-fledged active groups, although they did conduct some fund-raising affairs in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

IV. OFFICERS

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Informant named other officers and members of the staff of the LASC as follows:

DOROTHY MAYR - Treasurer
EVELYN BURKETT - Recording Secretary

Informant named the officers of the Los Angeles Area Chapter, also known as the Metro Chapter, as follows:

JANET GOLDSTEIN - Chairman
EVELYN BURKETT - Treasurer
EDYTHE MARGOLIS - Recording Secretary
CAROL BEAN - Alternate Recording Secretary
DOROTHY MAYR - Corresponding Secretary

IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN

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IRMA WIDGE NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) while attending New York University, New York City.

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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During 1953, WIDGE NEWMAN was an active member of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council (HASP) (see appendix).

DOROTHY MAYR

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As of August 5, 1959, MAYR was a member of the Joe Hill-Highland Park Club, Zapata Section, Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

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EVELYN BURKETT

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As of November 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was Executive Secretary of the Music Division of the HASP.

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As of January 17, 1959, EVELYN BURKETT was also the Co-ordinator of the West Los Angeles Chapter, LASC.

JANET GOLDSTEIN

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As of July 18, 1959, JANET GOLDSTEIN was a member of the Los Angeles Local - Socialist Workers Party (LAL-SWP).

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

EDYTHE MARGOLIS, nee Cohen

b-2 [REDACTED]

EDYTHE COHEN was a member of the CP in the Chicago, Illinois, area in 1939.

CAROL BEAN

No other information of a subversive nature is known concerning CAROL BEAN.

V. MEMBERSHIP

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On February 14, 1959, a public meeting of the LASC was held by the San Pedro Area Chapter at 2058 Whatley, San Pedro. A collection was taken for SOBELL.

E. Fresno Sobell Group

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F. WIDGE NEWMAN Tour (above)

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OLIVE HEFFNER

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As of September 5, 1956, OLIVE HEFFNER was a member of the Southside Area, Communist Party, St. Louis, Missouri.

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IX. LEGAL ASPECTS

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Informant advised the main legal activity of the LASC during the latter half of 1959 was to be an appeal to clergymen, asking them to sign an appeal to President EISENHOWER requesting Executive Clemency for SOBELL.

X. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. Connections with the Communist Party (CP)

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E. Connections with the Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

Informants listed below reported concerning SWP meetings, all of which were held at 1702 East 4th Street, Los Angeles, California.

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C. Miscellaneous

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[REDACTED] at the headquarters
of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF)
(see appendix), 617 Lanchmont Street, Los Angeles, [REDACTED]

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Appearing in the "People's World" (PW) of April 25, 1959, page 3, was an article announcing a special meeting of the LASC on April 28, 1959, to plan future activities, which meeting was to be held at 903 North Mariposa Street, Los Angeles. The article read in part that there would be at this meeting a report on "activities in behalf of Morton Sobell in Northwest, gleaned by Widge Newman on a recent visit to Vancouver, Seattle, and Portland".

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

Appearing in the PW of June 20, 1959, page 3, was an article captioned, "Regional Sobell Meet Next Weekend". The article reported the meeting was to "form a Western Regional organization that can better coordinate public activities in

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behalf of the release of Morton Sobell..." The article reported that the "High point of the convention..." would be a banquet on June 27, "when delegates from out of town will be honored by the Los Angeles Sobell committee..."

Appearing in "The Militant" (see appendix) of June 15, 1959, page 3, was an article which outlined recent efforts by Committees for MORTON SOBELL to obtain his release from prison. The article read in part as follows: "Public opinion is shifting in one of America's bitterest witch-hunt cases. As a result chances are improving for release of MORTON SOBELL, who was sentenced to 30 years as a 'spy'..." "But people from all walks of life are breaking through the hatred and are speaking out against this tragic violation of justice...."

On page 12, columns 1 and 2, of the "Morning Freiheit" (MF) (see appendix) of May 31, 1959, appeared an article captioned "An Encouraging Report", which concerned a report given by WIDGE NEWMAN (above) of the LASC regarding her trip through some of the Western States. The article read in part as follows: "Her report reveals interesting facts that a great number of outstanding people were badly informed about the great injustice being perpetrated against Sobell. These same people display profound, humane interest as soon as they are acquainted with the true facts, Miss Newman assures us in her detailed report".

Advertisements announcing "The first Sobell Regional Banquet" on June 27, 1959, "Auspices L.A. Sobell Committee, 462 North Western Avenue, L.A.", price \$10.00 per person, appeared in the "National Guardian" (NG) (see appendix) newspapers of June 8, 1959, and June 15, 1959.

APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

A source advised on May 7, 1959 that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the informant as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms is not a membership organization. It is an Executive Board with a large mailing list which builds up support behind particular issues rather than behind an organizational program.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist party member as of September, 1952.

APPENDIX

JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE (LOS ANGELES JEWISH CULTURAL AND FRATERNAL CLUBS; FRATERNAL MEDICAL PLAN OF THE CALIFORNIA FRATERNAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION)

A source advised on May 7, 1959, that the Jewish Information Service was formed about January, 1954, in Los Angeles for the purpose of continuing "cultural" activity of the International Workers Order. Prior to March 4, 1956, the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs were identified as the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural Clubs, this group being formerly known as lodges of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order. The Jewish Information Service and the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs are currently active in the Los Angeles area.

The Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association was formed about January, 1954, for the purpose of continuing the activity of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order Medical Plan. Since that date the functioning of the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association has been integrated into the operation of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs, inasmuch as the service provided by the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association.

~~The Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association is currently active in the Los Angeles area.~~

The International Workers Order and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

"THE MILITANT"

An informant advised on April 27, 1956, that "The Militant" is staffed, controlled and published as a weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason," August 25, 1956, page 93, describes the "Morning Freiheit" as a "Yiddish Communist Daily" newspaper.

APPENDIX

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The House Committee on Un-American Activities Report August 25, 1956, page 12, describes the "National Guardian" as follows:

"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly. *** Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, page 78, describes the American Labor Party as follows:

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control."

APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS, aka
Hollywood Arts, Sciences and
Professions Council

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations" (revised January 2, 1957) page 132, stated this organization is cited as "one of the major Communist dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast" (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pages 392 and 393).

An informant advised on January 4, 1956, that the Los Angeles Chapter was dissolved on January 3, 1956.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a "Communist front" by the United States Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

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EXHIBITS

Enclosed for the Bureau are three photostatic copies each of the following exhibits:

EXHIBIT #1

Cover letter on the letterhead of the LASC, enclosing a four-page report of the Western Regional Work Meeting, plus two pages headed "Suggestions for Regional and Local Activity".

EXHIBIT #2

Two-page "Memo #42" from the NCSJMS National Office, dated March 10, 1959.

EXHIBIT #3

Article entitled, "Time, Conscience and the Sobell Case" from "The Catholic Worker" newspaper, April-May, 1959, issue.

EXHIBIT #4

Three-page report of Dr. ERWIN A. GAEDE to the "Sobell Committee Groups" regarding his tour of the Midwest on behalf of SOBELL.

EXHIBIT #5

One-page letter on letterhead of LASC, addressed to the "City Desk", inviting representatives of the press to a Sobell Regional Banquet, with attached ticket to banquet.

EXHIBIT #6

Letter signed by Reverends PEPER MC CORMACK and ERWIN A. GAEDE requesting addressee to sign an appeal to President EISENHOWER for SOBELL.

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EXHIBIT #7

Letter signed by Reverends PETER MC CORMACK and ERWIN A. GAEDE requesting addressee to sign enclosed mimeographed "Appeal to the President on Behalf of Morton Sobell".

EXHIBIT #8

Letter from MCSJMS dated January 20, 1959, signed by TED JACOES requesting addressee to write to the United States Senate, and enclosing a mimeographed form letter addressed to the Subcommittee on American Republics Affairs, Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. LA 100-41648

AUG 14 1953

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE; LOS ANGELES
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
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All informants utilized in the report of Special Agent Lloyd D. Johnson dated and captioned as above at Los Angeles, California, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, Detroit (100-20938)

August 18, 1959

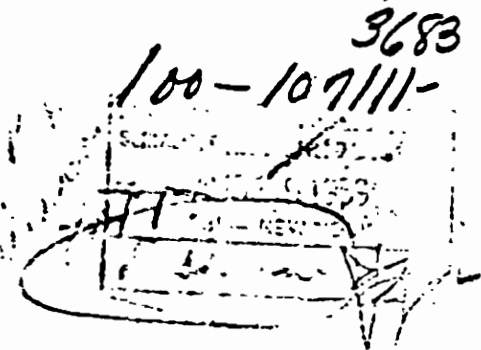
Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR HORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rerep Special Agent Philip H. Sheridan dated July 31, 1959, at New York in captioned matter, a copy of which was furnished the Detroit Office.

Your attention is directed to page 11 of rerep which discloses that there is an active committee affiliated with captioned organization operating at 134 Colorado, Highland Park, Michigan. Bureau notes that investigation concerning this matter in the Detroit Office was closed by letter September 10, 1958. In view of the fact that there appears to be an active group in Detroit affiliated with the national organization, you are instructed to promptly furnish the Bureau with a summary of all information concerning this group not previously furnished the Bureau together with your recommendations whether sufficient reason exists to initiate an investigation pursuant to the provisions of Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions. You should contact logical informants and sources in an effort to determine the officers and principal supporters of the Detroit committee and furnish this data with the above-requested information. Sulet no later than September 9, 1959, without fail.

1 - New York (100-107111)



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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387635)

August 27, 1959

SAC, DETROIT (100-20938)

COMMITTEE TO STOP INJUSTICE
BY WASHINGTON SOURCE
IS - C; ISA ON 1950

ReBulet to Detroit dated [redacted] captioned [redacted] b7D
as above.

[redacted]

[redacted] b7D
[redacted] was familiar with Socialist Worker Party
activities in the Detroit area until [redacted] Detroit
currently has no security informants active in the SWP who
could supply the requested information in referenced letter.
The deadline as set forth in relet is September 9, 1959.
The New York Office is in possession of [redacted] current
address. b7D

The Detroit Office will advise the Bureau of any
additional information obtained regarding captioned committee
by September 9, 1959.

2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
2 - New York (100-20938) (REGISTERED)

[redacted] b7D

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1cc in [redacted] b7D
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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

September 2, 1959

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

On August 12, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the [redacted] of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of July, 1959. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. b7D

b7E

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum.

Report is filed in [redacted] b7D

Report as it relates to captioned organization is set forth as follows:

① - New York (RM) (100-10711) (Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL)

2 - Chicago [redacted] b7D

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NY from Chicago for info

NY - P.C. [unclear]
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[initials]
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CG 100-25530

Chicago Sobell Committee
July - 1959

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
13	\$10.42		\$460.14
23	\$10.42	\$115.83	575.67
24	40.00		565.25
29		21.00	525.25
29	85.00		546.25
			461.25

Amount

Payee

Cleared Through

\$40.00

Comm. Secure Justice

Coin Exchange - New York

10.42

M. SOBELL

1st National - Chicago

85.00

Ill. Bell

us.

Cash

Director, FBI (100-387385)

September 9, 1959

SAC, Detroit (100-20938)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR HORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA OP 1950
(OO: New York)

ReBulet to Detroit dated August 16, 1959, and Detroit letter to the Bureau and New York dated August 27, 1959, both captioned as above.

[REDACTED] the National Bank of Detroit (protect identity), Branch 22, Woodward Avenue and Engelwood, advised SA WALTER L. HEYER on March 1, 1957, that Mr. CARL HAESSLER, 49 Massachusetts Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan, had contributed a check in the amount of \$50 dated February 6, 1957, to the Committee to Secure Justice for Horton Sobell b7D (CSJMS).

[REDACTED] on December 10, 1956, advised that CARL HAESSLER was Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Board Secretary of the Federated Press as of February 1, 1956. The Senate Judiciary Committee Senate Report, 2050, on the Institute of Pacific Relations, July 2, 1952, Pages 95 and 146, cited the Federated Press as a "Communist-controlled" news b7D syndicate.

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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
 - ② - New York (100-107111) (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - Detroit

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DE 100-20938

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA CLYDE POE SPITLER on July 8, 1958, that the CSJMS has its objective in its title. The Detroit Branch of this committee sponsored Mrs. HELEN SOBELL in a series of talks in Detroit during April, 1958. Mrs. SOBELL spoke at the Central Methodist Church, Wayne University, Eastern Michigan College, and in a home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The meeting which was held at Wayne University [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7D

[REDACTED] advised SA SPITLER on March 11, 1959, that

[REDACTED] GEORGE

[REDACTED] of the Detroit Branch of the S.P.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On April 20, 1959, Former [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA CLYDE POE SPITLER a leaflet which stated in part as follows: "The Detroit Committee for MORTON SOBELL proudly announces a three day art sale featuring original works by outstanding Detroit and nationally known artist an excellent opportunity to purchase fine art at exceptional low prices. The art sale will open with a talk on Art for Art's Sake -- and the People by ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, Friday evening, March 27, at 8:30 sale continues through March 28 and on March 29 from 1 to 9 P.M., 18266 Coyle, Detroit. All net proceeds of sale to aid in the campaign to free MORTON SOBELL."

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DE 100-20938

The February, 1959, edition of "Mainstream," published monthly by "Masses and Mainstream" Incorporated, 832 Broadway, New York 3, New York, identified ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN as a contributing editor.

ECUA in its "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published January 2, 1957, Page 104, identified "Masses and Mainstream" as the successor to "New Masses," a Communist magazine. The ECUA bulletin stated the name of "Masses and Mainstream" was changed to "Mainstream" with the September, 1956, issue of this publication.

On August 10, 1959, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA CASSIUS PATRICK that on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN dated July 21, 1959, New York, New York, captioned as above, reflects that one Miss MILNOR ALEXANDER of Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania,

[REDACTED] was currently traveling around the United States speaking to groups interested in obtaining the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. [REDACTED] b7D

On Page 11 of SA SHERIDAN's report, it was reflected [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Detroit Committee for Morton Sobell, 134 Colorado, Highland Park, Michigan, telephone TO. 5-4698. b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT M. SMITH on September 6, 1959, that LARRY DOLINSKI resides at 134 Colorado, Highland Park, Michigan. LARRY DOLINSKI, Detroit file 100-11498, is a member of the SWP, Detroit Branch, according to [REDACTED] b7D

DE 100-20938

On December 11, 1958, [redacted] made available to SA CLYDE POW SPITLER a leaflet which reflected that a dessert luncheon was to be held December 6, 1958, at the residence of CARL HAFSSLER, 39 Massachusetts, Avenue, and was to be sponsored by the Detroit Committee for Morton Sobell. b7D

On August 26, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JAMES L. DALEY that formerly there was a Detroit Branch of the CSJMS, but to his knowledge this committee has not been active for six months. [redacted] stated that the primary purpose for this committee was to raise money; that it was composed primarily of female members of the SWP; that ROSEMARY DOLINSKI, wife of LARRY DOLINSKI, 134 Colorado, Highland Park, Michigan, was very active in this committee as well as BERTA ZUCKOFF, who has moved to New York City. b7D

The following Informants who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the Detroit area, were contacted and could furnish no additional information concerning captioned committee:

[redacted] contacted August 24, 1959, by SA ROBERT A. KOPFATT; [redacted] and [redacted] contacted August 25, 1959, by SA CARROLL L. SHIFFER; [redacted] and [redacted] contacted September 4, 1959, by SA JOSEPH [redacted]; [redacted] contacted August 26, 1959, by SA WALTER L. HEYER; and [redacted] contacted September 4, 1959, by SA T. S. KLEMASZEWSKI. b7D

By referenced letter dated August 27, 1959, to the Bureau and New York, the New York Office was requested to contact [redacted] to determine the officers and principal supporters of the DCSJMS. b7D

The above constitutes the pertinent information available in the Detroit Office subsequent to the Detroit report dated September 11, 1958, pertaining to captioned committee. It appears there is a Detroit Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, but as indicated above it is inactive in Detroit. If information is received from New York which indicates further investigation is warranted in accordance with the provisions of Section 87² of the Manual of Instructions, the Bureau will be appropriately advised, and investigation instituted; otherwise no further investigation is being conducted at this time, UACB.

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Report

AUG. 4 1959

New York

NORTON

The chairman of the August 1st SOBELL affair was ROSE SOBELL.

ROSE SOBELL made an appeal for donations for the fight for NORTON SOBELL's freedom. The collection brought in \$446.00. This sum included the money which was collected in advance before the August 1st affair for NORTON SOBELL.

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

9/15/59

SAC, Buffalo (100-11534)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

Rebulet 9/9/59 inquiring as to status of this case.

Since the submission of Buffalo's letter of 7/8/59 contact has been maintained with all CP and Trotskyite sources but no information has been received that local activity of this committee will begin.

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The coverage in the CP and the WWP here will insure prompt advice if the captioned organization becomes active. Until that time, Buffalo considers this case RUC'd to New York.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)
- 2 - Buffalo

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For information

For appropriate action

The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

REMARKS:

"Note restrictions on dissemination"

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		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

REFERENCE

Report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS dated 3/17/59, at Phoenix.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION (INFORMATION):

One carbon copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles Division, inasmuch as it contains information of interest concerning the Los Angeles SOBELL Committee.

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Date: SEP 17 1959

Office: PHOENIX

File Number: PX 100-4333

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JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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DETAILS:

The COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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OLIVE HEFFNER

OLIVE HEFFNER was a member of the Southside area Communist Party of St. Louis, Missouri, as of September 5, 1956. She moved to Phoenix in September, 1956.

PX T-3 (9/7/56)

IX 100-4333

ROGER HEFFNER

ROGER HEFFNER was a member of the Communist Party in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 5, 1956, and moved to Phoenix in September, 1956.

PX T-3 (9/7/56)

WIDGE NEWMAN

[REDACTED]

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PX T-4 (8/6/58)

IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY from June, 1943 to 1945, while attending New York University, New York, New York.

PX T-5 (1/17/55)

The AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

HAVEN PERKINS

As of August, 1956, HAVEN PERKINS was a member of the Southside Area Communist Party in St. Louis, Missouri.

PX T-3 (August, 1956)

SARA and GAYLORD SWING

SARA and GAYLORD SWING were members of the Communist Party in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1955.

PX T-6 (5/24/55)

[REDACTED]

PX T-1 (6/25/57)

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IX 100-4333

MAX MANDEL

The March 19, 1950, issue of the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reported that MAX MANDEL, a violinist for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, was fired from his position when he was expelled from the American Federation of Musicians, Local 60, AFL, after MATT CVETIC testified before the House Committee on un-American Activities that MAX MANDEL was a Communist Party member.

FLORENCE STAMLER

On March 16, 1953, FLORENCE STAMLER admitted to Special Agents of the FBI that she joined the Communist Party in Boulder Colorado, in 1946, under her then married name of FLORENCE DITTMER, and until the Spring of 1950, she paid Communist Party dues and took an active part in the Communist Party.

HARRY STAMLER

On March 17, 1953, HARRY STAMLER, Scottsdale, Arizona, admitted to Special Agents of the FBI that he joined the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE in 1940, in New York, New York, and the Communist Party in 1945. He was assigned to the Utica Branch of the Crown Heights Section of the Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York. After moving to Denver, Colorado, in 1947, his Communist Party membership was transferred. In the Spring of 1950, he was formally expelled from the Communist Party in Denver, Colorado.

The YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A postcard postmarked May 6, 1959, Phoenix, Arizona, made the following announcement:

"WAS MORTON SOBELL GUILTY?
AND IF SO, WHAT WAS HE GUILTY OF?"

"Can you answer these two questions satisfactorily? If you can't then you will be interested in hearing Miss Widge Newman of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee discuss a man who many think was falsely accused and unjustly convicted of espionage. And if you can answer

those questions, you will still be interested in hearing the latest results in attempts to free him.

"We will see you Saturday evening - May 9 - 8:00 P.M. - At Dave Eisenstein's Studio, 111 W. Hatcher, Sunny-slope.

HUMANISTS OF PHOENIX."

PX T-7 (5/11/59)

While in Phoenix, Arizona, in May, 1959, WIDGE NEWMAN, 462 North Webster, Los Angeles, California, stayed in Room 422, Arizona Hotel, 3rd Avenue and Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. She was visited on May 7, 1959, by an individual identified as GAYLORD SWING. This source furnished a list of telephone calls made by WIDGE NEWMAN on May 7, May 8 and May 9, 1959.

The 1959 Phoenix City Directory reflected that a number of these calls were listed for various churches in the Phoenix area. Telephone numbers listed to DAVE EISENSTEIN, 111 West Hatcher Road, Phoenix; GAYLORD SWING, 1701 West Mitchell Drive, Phoenix, and R. B. HEFFNER, 1545 West Culver, Phoenix, were called by WIDGE NEWMAN.

PX T-8 (5/11/59)



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PX T-9 (3/16/59)



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PX T-9 (5/22/59)

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PX T-9 (6/30/59)

RUTH ROSENTHAL

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[REDACTED], identified a photograph of RUTH ROSENTHAL, nee. EISENBERG, on July 26, 1955, as the person who signed [REDACTED] into the Communist Party at Miami Beach, Florida, in 1944. [REDACTED] knew RUTH ROSENTHAL as a member of the Communist Party in Miami Beach in 1944 and 1945.

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RUTH ROSENTHAL and her husband, SANDY ROSENTHAL, are reported to be violently anti-Communist Party at the present time and have been so disposed for the past ten years. They consider themselves to be "independent thinkers" and they are "socialist minded".

PX T-10 (12/3/58)

ISADORE GITMAN

On January 9, 1957, ISADORE GITMAN was identified as Treasurer of the Communist Party in Tucson, Arizona.

PX T-9 (1/9/57)

PX 100-4333

ROSE MASLOW

ROSE MASLOW, and her husband, MEYER MASLOW, 4850 Paseo Luisa, Tucson, Arizona, were described as wealthy Tucson residents who financially and morally supported Communist Party drives and projects and furnished the use of their luxurious home and swimming pool to the Tucson Communist Party for its money-raising parties.

PX T-9

HELEN GIRARD

HELEN GIRARD was a member of the Communist Party in Tucson, Arizona, in 1947-1948.

PX 10 (January, 1959)

The June 20, 1959, issue of the PEOPLE'S WORLD contained an announcement regarding the first SOBELL Regional Banquet, which was to be held on Saturday, June 27, 1959, at the Embassy Banquet Room, 847 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, under the auspices of the Los Angeles SOBELL Committee, 462 Northwestern Avenue, Los Angeles 4, California.

The PEOPLE'S WORLD is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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PX T-4 (7/10/59)

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PX T-4 (7/10/59)

On June 27, 1959, a banquet sponsored by the Los Angeles SOBELL Committee in connection with the Western Regional Organizational Conference, associated with the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, was held at the Embassy Auditorium, 847 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Mr. MILLER, the delegate from Phoenix, was introduced. Among the speakers was WIDGE NEWMAN, who discussed the SOBELL case, MORTON SOBELL and the ROSENBERGS. In announcing the donations, she indicated \$60.00 in the name of DAVE EISENSTEIN, Chairman of the Phoenix SOBELL Committee, had been received from Phoenix. NEWMAN also commented that this was very moving, since eight weeks ago Phoenix was the area of the darkest meetings and that everyone was frightened.

PX T-11 (6/27/59)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Phoenix, Arizona
SEP 17 1952

RE: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Calvin W. Evans dated as above, at Phoenix.

Confidential Informants PX T-1 through PX T-10, mentioned in referenced report, have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 9/17/59

FROM : SAC, Atlanta (100-4953)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(NEW YORK OO)

On 9/15/59 [REDACTED] USP, Atlanta, Ga., made available copy of a letter from HELEN SOBELL addressed to her husband, an inmate at that institution. [REDACTED] made available this letter for review in view of numerous names mentioned therein which may be of assistance in security investigations being conducted by this Bureau. It is noted this letter is dated 9/11/59, and was apparently written from Los Angeles, California. The contents of this letter contain the following pertinent excerpts: b7D

"We got a very exciting letter from New York saying that STEVE ALLEN had ordered 100 copies of our reprint containing the statement by Dr. PAUL LERMAN entitled 'MORTON SOBELL, Symbol of the Christian's concern for Justice'. I had called his secretary that very morning in an effort to arrange an appointment because we knew of his previous interest, and I'm to call him back Monday when STEVE ALLEN will be in town."

On 8/28/59 Mrs. INGRAM and her two sons were permitted to go home in Georgia. The above statement refers to

2 - Bureau RM (encl. 1)
1 - New York (100-107111) RM (encl. 1) ✓
1 - San Diego (info.) (100-9380) RM
1 - Los Angeles (info.) (100-41648) RM (encl. 1)
1 - San Francisco (info.) (100-35117) RM (encl. 1)
1 - Phoenix (info.) (100-4333) RM
2 - Atlanta (1 - 100-4953)
(1 - 65-1361) (MORTON SOBELL) 100-107111-3706

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ROSA LEE INGRAM, and her two sons convicted of murdering a white tenant family in Georgia who were sentenced to death in the electric chair, and which sentence was later commuted to life in prison. They were paroled on 8/28/59 by Georgia State authorities. The INGRAMS were the subject of various protest marches originating in subversive circles in New York City several years ago.

Mrs. SOBELL indicated she would be leaving Los Angeles for Phoenix on the 17th of September, 1959, and will be back in Los Angeles on the 20th because it is a lot easier to travel from Los Angeles to New York, than from Phoenix to New York.

HELEN SOBELL mentions having an appointment with one JOHN WEXLEY on 9/12/59.

On 9/15/59, [REDACTED] USP, Atlanta, also made available copy of letter dated 9/1/59 from HELEN SOBELL addressed to her husband. The contents of this letter are set forth verbatim hereinafter: b7D

"Tues. Sept. 1, 1959
6:30 P.M. #43

"My own dearest MORTY,

"Yesterday was a long day in San Diego and we did many things. I met with a group of ministers and they are going to invite all of the clergymen in the area to join with them. I also had dinner with the USEYS who sent their warmest regards and were wonderfully hospitable. It was a real pleasure to see them again. In the evening we had a party and I was really konked by the time the day was over. This morning we worked on a TV interview, and then I took the plane back to L. A.

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"In time for a big luncheon meeting which was just fine. I met a woman there who had cut my hair years ago when I was in L. A. and after the meeting we went to a friend's home, and she gave me a very nice haircut.

"I got your last two letters from WIDGE when she picked me up, and I was very sad to hear of all of the not good things which you are experiencing, my love. I'm sorry you are so grumpy, not for me, but because it makes you feel not good in yourself. It was too bad you did not get too much enjoyment out of your tennis matches.

"I'm writing this now as we are driving back out to the beach to see some people and deliver a borrowed station wagon which WIDGE and ENID used for the moving back. Good morning, my love, it's now 10:20 and for the first time in a long while, I slept late this morning. MARKS is staying with a friend who has 2 boys, and a pool, so he's fine.

"I've been re-reading your last letters this morning (I'm alone in a very pleasant home, and again I'm disturbed by your rash and your teeth problems. I hope, as I said before, that all will be well, and I'm glad you tell me that there is not too much cause for worry.

"So, finally, after all these years, you have the McLACHLIN book. It should be absorbing to tackle the 100 problems presented. I'm afraid that I won't have a chance to read the FROMM book for quite a while, but I'll leave it in mind.

"I do think I operate somewhat along the lines of conservation of psychic energy, and it may be that you have struck up on a chord which explains some of the differences in attitude we have had from time to time. There have been instances where you have suggested to me

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"that a real exploration of a situation would result in more clarity, and I have felt sufficiently aware of the psychic drains (to no avail) inherent, so that I have not wanted more clarity.

"MARKS take the surf much better than I do because he is much faster in movement and can ride the waves. Also he has no objections to getting sloughed around in the sandy water in a prone position, and I don't care for it. He has been taking pictures and he did have a chance to talk to our photographer friend in S. F.

"I see when I read your words about my writing frequency, I misunderstood you and I felt you were really calling me to task, but you are doing nothing of the sort. I guess I still carry over from the time when the omission of a letter was most traumatic. I shall be more relaxed and know that you have much much maturity in this direction.

"Yes, Rev. McCOFFMACK came with his wife to our big dinner in S. F. which is not exactly the same as having had dinner with him. As I told you before, I don't feel I will be able to make the trip to Mexico at this time, and I have another idea about it which may work out better.

"I got the govt's brochure on the parole board's composition and rules and it is most interesting. Have you every had access or do you know the almost unlimited discretion which applies? My schedule here is pretty full so that I don't know how much time I'll be able to spend at the beaches, but we'll see. I just talked to BETTY who has just returned from Mexico and we'll be getting together in the next couple of days. MARKS will stay there for a while.

"Most important of all and everything, be well, my love, and hold me very close, and know that I love thee with all my heart. Your HELEN, all time.

"HELEN SOBELL"

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In the event any of the above information is utilized in investigative reports, the source of this information should be concealed inasmuch as [REDACTED] at the USP does not desire his identity be made known.

Copies of the SOBELL letter dated 9/11/59, are furnished herewith as enclosures to the Bureau, New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. *RVC*

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Sept. 11, 1959 #94
Friday, 11:55 A.M.

My own very dearest Morty,

It's a hot, hot day here as was yesterday. This morning we got a very exciting letter from N.Y. saying that Steve Allen had ordered 100 copies of our reprint from the Y magazine which has the statement by Dr. Paul Lehman entitled, "Morton Sobell, Symbol of the Christian's concern for Justice". I had called his secretary that very morning to try to arrange an appointment because we knew of his previous interest, and I'm to call back Monday when Steve Allen will be back in town. In addition, we had a very fine meeting with some of the representatives of the Y yesterday morning.

Marko and I picked up our glasses in the afternoon, and Marko is very fond of his. I don't quite understand why although there are many speculative which seem plausible. He looks fine in his, and mine are not unattractive either, although that is not too important a factor. I'm wearing them at the moment. Maybe they will help in overcoming some of the fatigue I feel sometimes. You know a very good thing happened in your state. On Aug. 28, Mrs. Ingraham and her two sons were permitted to go home. It was a very lightening thing to read about. I do believe that there is almost a physical reaction to situations like that one which are very draining.

Schedule-wise I'll be leaving L.A. for Phoenix on the 17th, and I will probably leave Marko here and come back to pick him up on the 20th because it is a lot easier to get from L.A. to N.Y. than from Phoenix. Also, a very nice thing has happened here in that the friend which whom I am staying has just become engaged, and is getting married on the 20th. The both of them met at a Sobell party initially, got to know each other washing dishes until 4 in the morning at another party for us, and now, while I have been staying here have decided to get married. Part of their reason for getting married is that they have pledged to raise \$100 by Dec. 1, and they figured they could get a lot of people to come to the wedding reception and contribute instead of bringing presents. That sounds a little flip, but it really is a very nice thing and both Paul and Sylvia are wonderful people. Last night we were celebrating the announcement of the engagement, and Widge, of course, brought champagne and during the afternoon, we had gone to Olvera Street which is a reconstructed street of the original Mexican settlement of Los Angeles, and we bought egg shells which were filled with confetti, and we broke them over the happy couple. The room is still full of confetti, but Sylvia says she's going to leave it here until after the wedding.

After all this we went to a Japanese restaurant, and we ate suki-yaki and teri-yaki in a little room where we sat on seats of the floor, and had to take off our shoes before entering (I thought of your endorsement of this practice it was very novel and interesting to see the suki-yaki cooked before your eyes and to have the waitresses wearing their authentic costumes. The food too delicious, although the whole thing has a very other-worldly quality so the Marko asked me when he woke up this morning, did we really have a dinner on last night, or was that just a dream I had. This morning he is over with Alice's kid who is about 14, and he is an electronics enthusiast who is always fixing radios and setting up gadgets of his own. Pretty soon now, we will be picked up by Betty who will take us to lunch with Ida and Joe, and then later, Widge will pick us up. It's a horribly scorching day today, and I probably will not get too much done today. I have no meeting tonight. The meeting on Wednesday night was not too inspiring, but it's one more under the belt, so there it is.

Tomorrow is a big dinner, and then afterwards I have an appointment with John Wesley, and we should be able to get some things worked out. I'll bid thee a most loving farewell, my own dearest Morty. I hope you continue to be in good health, and that you can vary your routine enough so that it do not become too oppressive. (That's pretty drastic, skipping meals, not F. Wolf, I've gained 3 or 4 lbs. I think. I'll probably go back down when I back.) I love thee with all my heart. Your wife, Helen, all time, H.

Enclosed are 2 pictures, with love.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS

REFERENCE: Report SA ROBERT S. REA, 3/18/59, Albany.
New York report SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, 7/31/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Literature set forth in this report from [REDACTED] New York, is located in 100-13260-1A89 and 1A90 (Albany file). b7D

This report is being classified confidential inasmuch as it contains information from Albany informants [REDACTED] who are furnishing currently valuable information and contains information from Washington Field informant [REDACTED] who is furnishing currently reliable and valuable information at the present time. b1, b2

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Careful consideration has been given to the use of T-symbols in this report and they have been used only where necessary to conceal the identity of the source.

LEADS:

THE ALBANY OFFICE

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization and of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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DETAILS:

IREFACE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains on page 60, the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell', the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marsnall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities Report,

'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

[REDACTED] made available material received with the return address 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, and postmarked February 27, 1958, which contained a tabloid newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done, A Newspaper To Secure Justice In the Case of Morton Sobell," published February, 1958, by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which lists the following:

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National Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City,
phone AL 4-9983.

Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland
Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

OFFICERS OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On March 2, 1959, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b-2
furnished a letter headed "Syracuse Sobell Committee," dated
February, 1959, addressed "Dear Friend:" which was signed
LILLIAN E. REINER, Mrs. HOWARD L. REINER, Chairman, 1009
Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York.

Confidential Informant AL [REDACTED] b-2
advised on March 11, 1951, that LILLIAN REINER
was not known as a member of the Communist
Party at that time, but as Chairman of
the American Labor Party (see Appendix),
was closely associated with Communist
Party members.

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been
designated by the Attorney General of
the United States as coming within the
purview of Executive Order 10450.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b-2
advised on December 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON
was a long-time CP member at Syracuse,
New York, as of that date.

PROGRAM OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

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On July 10, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished an envelope to George F. Simpson postmarked at Syracuse, New York, on July 9, 1959, with the return address 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York. This envelope had not been opened by [REDACTED] because he stated he was aware that it contained information regarding the MORTON SOBELL case from having previously received information regarding the case. The envelope, when opened in his presence, and at his request, contained a mimeographed letter on the stationery of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, with the mimeographed subheading of Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue. b7D

The mimeographed message contained in this letter is as follows:

"This is an invitation to join the growing number of people who are concerning themselves in the case of Morton Sobell.

"The Syracuse Sobell Committee has during the past five years carried on various activities including several mailings which reached thousands and resulted in more and more Syracusans becoming aware of the strong possibility that a gross miscarriage of justice may have taken place. Hundreds have written letters and signed petitions asking for Presidential clemency or a new trial. Six Syracuse clergymen signed the new 'Appeal to the President.' (See page 4 of the tabloid.)

"A big meeting on behalf of Morton Sobell held in New York City on June 19 was chaired by Prof. Thomas Emerson of Yale Law School. At this meeting Prof. Murray Branch, theologian at Morehouse College in Atlanta said in part: 'I am interested in the Morton Sobell Case because what has happened and is happening to Sobell appears to be another manifestation of tyranny. Much of human history has been the record of one tyranny after another over the spirit of man. The Sobell episode involves a coalescence of circumstances - hysteria, ambition, scape-goating, jealousy, vindictiveness, and now apparently a false pride concerning the nation's honor and fear lest our country's professed love for justice and human dignity be revealed to have been in that time of crisis

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"only a mockery. Otherwise it is difficult to understand why a new trial has not been granted. Is Sobell destined to go down in history as the luckless burden-bearer for a nation's pride?"

"At the same meeting, Dr. Horace Kallen, research professor of Philosophy at the New School for Social Research, said: 'I am here as an act of conscience, to make a statement of conscience as an American citizen very deeply concerned with what is the most essential character of the American Ideal and the American program, involving all that we mean by the Bill of Rights, and involving all that we mean by the endeavor to secure equal justice for all people regardless of their associations and connections.'

"As more and more voices are raised in the call for justice, freedom for Morton Sobell can become a reality in the near future. The task is still a difficult one. Support and funds are needed. Please write to the President and to your Congressmen. Send what money you can to help."

It is noted that this letter also enclosed a tabloid newspaper entitled, "TODAY'S VERDICT IN THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL," July, 1959 edition, published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. On page 4 of this tabloid are listed numerous committees for MORTON SOBELL including the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York; phone AL 4-9983, and the Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, phone Granite 2-2406.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On April 9, 1959, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that an invitation had been received concerning a buffet supper to be held at the home of LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, and the invitation stated that the purpose of the buffet dinner was to meet SYLVIA MALKIND of the National Sobell Committee. The invitation stated that the price of the buffet supper was \$1.50 per plate.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised ^{b-2} on December 10, 1956, that CYRIL KLEIMAN was a member of the CP at Syracuse, New York, as of December 3, 1956.

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The informant stated that Mrs. MALKIND spoke after the buffet dinner and reviewed the case of MORTON SOBELL. AL T-2 stated that Mrs. MALKIND said she was very honored to speak because she did not usually speak at meetings but merely set them up for HELEN or ROSE SOBELL or one of the other officials of the Committee. Mrs. MALKIND related that MORTON SOBELL's situation was much better now that he had been transferred and he now had a chance for pardon after a certain length of time. The informant stated that Mrs. MALKIND said "they" are much encouraged since hearing that KLAUS FUCHS has been released from prison in England and is coming to the United States.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised b-2
on November 26, 1956, that EMERY PESKO
was a member of the CP at Syracuse, New
York, as of November 20, 1956.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised b-2
on June 18 and 27, 1957, that JUDITH
WOLLOWITZ was an active member of the
CP at Syracuse, New York, as of those
dates.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised
on [REDACTED] that PATRICIA GEIGER
attended the [REDACTED] meeting of
the Onondaga County Committee of the CP

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised b-2
on November 10, 1952, that MORTON GEIGER
was a member of the Onondaga County
Committee of the CP as of that date.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised b-2
on December 29, 1951, that ELSIE COHN
was a CP member and attended a CP
meeting [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised b-2
on May 27, 1953, that as of May 17,
1953, LEON COHN was active in the American
Labor Party (ALP) at Syracuse, New York,
and had been associated with numerous
CP members in the ALP from 1951 to 1953.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on July 9, 1952, that [REDACTED] FELD was [REDACTED] of the Syracuse Women for Peace [REDACTED]

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The Syracuse Women for Peace has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

On May 18, 1959, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b-2 verified the above information concerning the dinner held on April 12, 1959, at the home of LILLIAN REINER but added that the Acting Chairman of this particular meeting was SAM FELD and in addition to those mentioned as being present was FRED HENRICKSON. The informant stated that Mrs. SYLVIA WALKIND, of the National Sobell Committee, talked of the appeal originated by the clergy of the United States and stressed the enlisting of the support of the clergy of Syracuse on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on May 7, 1953, that FRED HENRICKSON was a CP member as of that date.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on June 6, 1959, that ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN told MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN, in Washington, D.C., that there was a good deal of activity in the Sobell Case and indicated that they were strong in Toronto, Buffalo, and Syracuse. The informant stated that RUBINSTEIN implied she will time her talk for June 19th, Execution of the Rosenbergs Day.

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The February, 1959, edition of "Mainstream," published monthly by "Masses and Mainstream, Inc.," 832 Broadway, New York 3, New York, identified ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN as a Contributing Editor. (See Appendix.)

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on May 31, 1958, that MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN considered themselves Communists but do not use the word Communist even in discussions among themselves or their associates. b-2

On February 9, 1959, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported that MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN were supporting the CP financially. b-2

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on June 24, 1959, that a SOBELL meeting was held on June 21, 1959, at the home of JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN at Cazenovia, New York. According to the informant, Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN spoke on the history of the Sobell Case and listed the following things to be done to obtain SOBELL's freedom: b-2

1. Write the President
2. Interest clergymen to sign the clergymen's appeal
3. Get people in foreign countries to write the President

The informant stated that it was reported that six Syracuse clergymen had signed the appeal for MORTON SOBELL. AL T-3 advised that Dr. RUBINSTEIN gave a moving appeal for funds and was in tears during much of her talk.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on December 5, 1952, that ELIZABETH ALLEN had been a long-time member of the CP at Syracuse, New York at that time. b-2 b1

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on September 15, 1952, that IDA KOSOFF was a member of the CP at that time and was a charter member of the CP at Syracuse, New York. b-2

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on March 27, 1957, that EDWIN WAGNER attended a CP meeting at Syracuse, New York, [redacted] b-2
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[redacted] identified MURRAY GOLDBERG as a CP member who regularly attended [redacted] CP meetings. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on August 6, 1959, that the Syracuse Sobell Committee's annual picnic was held on June 21, 1959, at the home of ELIZABETH ALLEN and JANE ANDERSON in Cazenovia, New York. Informant stated that Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN was the guest speaker and reviewed the Sobell Case. [redacted] stated that Dr. RUBINSTEIN spoke very emotionally concerning the ROSENBERGS and the unfairness of their fate, particularly as to the effect upon their sons. The informant stated that Dr. RUBINSTEIN also became very emotional about MORTON SOBELL's son and the fact that they had never had a normal family relationship. b-2

Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that Dr. RUBINSTEIN stated the Sobell Committee does not expect any immediate results of their campaign but they feel that by b-2

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keeping things stirred up and continually keeping it in the public eye, without expecting his release, they will achieve their aim. The informant advised that Dr. RUBINSTEIN indicated the Committee prefers a pardon which would exonerate SOBELL but they would accept a parole.

The informant furnished no further information concerning persons attending this meeting than the information furnished by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] set forth above. b-2

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on July 8, 1959, advised that an invitation postmarked June 9, 1959, at Syracuse, New York, with the return address ELIZABETH ALLEN, East Lake Road, Cazenovia, New York, was received to the above supper party to be held on June 21, 1959, at the above address. The informant advised that this invitation was sent out on the letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and states that the Syracuse Chapter invited the recipient to a supper party at the home of ELIZABETH ALLEN - JANE ANDERSON, East Lake Road, Cazenovia, New York, to hear Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN on Sunday, June 21, at 7:30 PM. b-2

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on August 4, 1959, that it had been determined on July 25, 1959, that ~~LILLIAN REINER is continuing to work on the clergymen's appeal for MORTON SOBELL and was at that time working on several ministers in Syracuse and considers that she is meeting with~~ good response. b-2

FUNDS OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

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[REDACTED] advised that BERNICE VOSEBURGH was active in the American Labor Party in Syracuse, New York, from July, 1951, to May, 1953, and was a candidate for State Senator on the American Labor Party ticket in 1952. b-2

[REDACTED] advised that BERNICE VOSBURGH attended Syracuse Women for Peace meetings in 1951 and 1952. b-2

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on May 13, 1959, that at the buffet supper held on April 12, 1959, at the home of LILLIAN REINER at which SYLVIA MALKIND spoke, a collection was taken in addition to the contribution of each person attending of \$1.50 [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on May 18, 1959, verified the above information.

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LITERATURE SENT OUT BY THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

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1. A letter to Mrs. SOBELL dated August 25, 1958, signed CARLETON BEALS.

This mimeographed letter is headed "TEXT OF STATEMENT ON THE MORTON SOBELL CASE BY CARLETON BEALS, author, lecturer, authority on Mexico and the Caribbean area, and former consultant to the U.S. government on Mexican affairs. Mr. Beals calls Sobell's conviction a 'brazen denial of elementary rights' and 'so absurd it is incredible' in the following letter to Mrs. Morton Sobell."

"August 25, 1958

"Dear Mrs. Sobell:

"Thank you for sending me the transcript of the 'conspiracy' trial which resulted in your husband being sentenced to thirty years in prison and the transcript of the arguments on appeal.

"I have read every word of the 1715 pages with care. Only a relatively few pages deal with testimony concerning Sobell, and they contain the testimony of only one witness, Max Elitcher. Otherwise no evidence whatever was presented against your husband.

"Another brief section deals with the trip of Sobell and his wife and two children to Mexico, in an effort to prove that he was fleeing from justice.

"The indictment itself contains not one mention of overt acts by Sobell as is required by law. His attorneys were forced to enter the courtroom wholly unprepared, almost as spectators, without any knowledge of the specific charges or what evidence they might have to refute.

"As a result the prosecution, by distortion, falsification and suppression, was able to give his trip to Mexico the appearance of flight. There is no doubt Sobell was laboring under considerable fear, but even had he fled to Mexico illegally, which he did not, this under law does not constitute guilt of any crime. Thus it was not brought out at the trial:

- (1) That he went to Mexico under his own name and reported to American authorities before leaving.
- (2) That he was not under indictment and was not charged with any crime when he left, only after he returned.
- (3) That he had gone legally to Mexico. In court it was stated that he had no visa, which was technically correct, thus implying he had entered Mexico illegally. Actually he had a legal tourist card, all that is required, and went through the Mexican immigration offices and customs at the border in the usual legal manner.
- (4) That he was never deported from Mexico, although an American immigration official presented evidence, wholly erroneous, to that effect.
- (5) That actually he was kidnapped with the connivance of U.S. Federal agents, was brutally beaten until unconscious, that he was taken to the border in violation of Mexican and U.S. laws and treaties.
- (6) That he was taken across the border and spirited across in the dead of night, his abductors being joined by prearrangement by a Federal marshal. That his entire family was similarly kidnapped and whisked across the border at night.
- (7) That the act was protested by the head of Mexican Immigration.
- (8) That investigations by the Mexican Consul in Laredo confirmed these criminal acts.
- (9) That the Mexican Department of Immigration and the Department of Gobernacion both provided documentary evidence, not presented at the trial, that Sobell had never been deported.

"The single witness produced by the State against Sobell, Max Elitcher, was a self-confessed 'perjurer' and 'liar'. At various times he had also been under psychoanalytical treatment.

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"During his testimony only two sentences remotely suggest, and these are purely hearsay, that Sobell had any connection with any alleged conspiracy. Also, Elitcher testified that one evening he accompanied Sobell on a ten minute ride to the vicinity of the accused Julius Rosenberg's New York apartment to deliver a can (contents unknown) presumably to Rosenberg. No direct evidence, either oral or material, was given at the trial that Sobell even knew any atomic secrets, or that he gave any atomic or any other secrets to Rosenberg or anybody else. His crime, as presented at the trial, seemed to consist of having been possibly a Communist and fellow-traveler, that he had been a fellow engineering student at New York City College, that over a period of ten years he had seen Rosenberg half a dozen times. He knew none of the others involved in the trial and no other witness except Elitcher. His name was not mentioned by any other witness.

"In short, no oral, material or even remotely circumstantial evidence was ever presented in court to warrant his conviction or his sentencing. It is so absurd it is incredible. I know of no other instance of miscarriage of justice, or more brazen denial of elementary human rights, in the history of jurisprudence in this or any other country.

"Frankly, and this may sound harsh to you given your personal interest in the matter, I started reading this transcript with the hope that I would discover evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, that he was guilty, for I was anxious to preserve my illusions concerning the noble processes of American justice.

"Sincerely yours,

"s/ Carleton Beals

"F.S. - You are free to use this letter and my previous letter in any way you see fit."

2. A mimeographed statement headed Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, California, dated March 13, 1959, entitled, "ALCATRAZ WAS MY PARISH."

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"Excerpts from remarks made by Rev. Peter McCormack at a dinner given in his honor. Reverend McCormack was Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz during Morton Sobell's imprisonment there.

'First, the man, Morton Sobell: There are certain elements that go into the making of character - first of all there is heredity, then there is environment and finally personal response. The first two we cannot completely control, but whether we accept responsibility involves many things. We sometimes say of the one who appears to have made a success of life, 'Oh, he had all the breaks'. Well, that cannot be said of Morton Sobell. True, he was born into a fine family, he inherited those qualities that make for fine manhood, honor, integrity, devotion, loyalty. If you met the man I am sure you would recognize the healthy mindedness of the man; proud of his inheritance, of home, country, of the opportunity he had as a loyal American Citizen - or to express it in the words of another, 'Morton achieved through the years of his young manhood a high degree of unity within himself'.

'It was belief in this fact that led me to conclude he was utterly incapable of doing the thing of which he was charged and like other great souls down through history, he suffers punishment, 'the just for the unjust'. Many a time a man may act, as we say 'out of character' - but to know Morton, you cannot charge him with that. Falsely accused, cruelly treated, ~~sentenced on the testimony of a self-confessed perjurer, this~~ man of fine character and brilliant mind still suffers within prison walls.

'During the years we were intimate in Alcatraz, Morton maintained an even temperament. Though he was a man of fine intellect, on a level far above most of his fellow prisoners, yet he never assumed a 'high brow' attitude.

'In the discussion periods I made provision for at the Chapel services, he always held back giving others a chance to express themselves. In our private discussions I found him a sharp, intellectual adversary. With his scientific mind he had to probe deep into every subject. I had to bow to his findings on scientific matters, but he, with perfect candor would concede to my findings in the fields of philosophy and religion. These discussions afforded Morton some intellectual stimulus that he could not find in his association with others.

"As I visited among the men, I found most of them living self-focused lives, at times exploding emotionally, depending on their circumstances, few have any sense of humor, all of this is crushed out of them by their environment, but Morton was not that type. Although keenly sensitive to his environment, at times overborne with anxiety for his family, his sense of humor never left him. He genuinely identified himself with the other men, sharing their problems, encouraging them with the thought that life could yet be beautiful and worth-while.

'As I thought of the terrible thirty year sentence hanging over him, I marvelled at his fortitude - true he had his moments of depression, but he was never 'sorry for himself', but rather for those who had so unjustly brought him into those circumstances and for his family, suffering because of his incarceration. I say he had his depressed moments, but he was by no means a depressed man; he exemplified a statement I found in one of Ian MacLaren's books where he said: 'Let us be kind to one another for most of us are fighting a hard battle.' To sum up my feelings about Morton, I want you to think of him as a man with profound convictions, a profound respect for the thinking of others, and for the rights of others, his loyalty and devotion to the best things in life, his reverence and respect for sacred things, these made him a man to be admired. 'Ecco Homo' - Behold the Man - in his present humiliation - but we believe through the efforts of tens of thousands, his humiliation will be changed to vindication.

'.....A few words about Alcatraz...Who are these men? (at Alcatraz - ed.) Who are they? They are men just like you and me. Do you recall the words of Sam Foss in his poem: 'The House by the Side of the Road?' He says, 'Let me sit in the house by the side of the road, where the race of men go by, men who are good, men who are bad, as good and as bad as I.' That describes the men at Alcatraz. I would like to rid your mind of the accepted idea that these men are worthless, a menace to society, it is not so.

'As I came to know the men, talked with them, walked about the yard with them, stood at their cell doors and listened to their story, then as I checked their records with the story they told, I found many of them to be victims of mistaken judgement, victims of a system that makes it hard for a man, having once

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"made a mistake to make a come-back. I have many friends in Alcatraz...As time passed, many secrets were revealed and ultimately the Chaplain finds himself so entwined in the life of the men that he must suffer with and for his flock. The Chaplain, if he is wise must: 'Gently scan his brother man', and realize that 'to step aside is human'.

'....I recall the first time I entered the prison, I seemed to hear a voice from the distant past saying: 'Abandon all hope all ye who enter here'. If you want to see a group of hopeless, frustrated, despairing, forgotten men, visit Alcatraz...If you had a 62 year sentence hanging over you, shut up in isolation - what would you do?

'....One time when I dared to plead a prisoner's case I was told by an administrative officer: 'Chaplain, these men are criminals, they always have been criminals, they always will be criminals and we treat them as such'. Do you wonder that some of the men try to end it all by committing suicide?

'....I have been asked many times if a man was ever rehabilitated in Alcatraz? My answer is - if there ever has been such a man it is certainly not BECAUSE of the program of rehabilitation there, it is rather 'IN SPITE OF IT'.

'This word in closing, I was asked recently why I have taken such an interest in Morton Sobell, when there were so many men under my care. My answer is because of my intimate acquaintance with Mr. Sobell, and because of my study of the case from the very beginning...when there was so 'much sound and fury, signifying nothing.'I secured a transcript of the court record - 1715 pages in all, and after careful study and knowing the man, I feel satisfied in my own mind, that Morton is innocent, a victim of perjury, politics, and prejudice. So there is a sense of urgency impelling me 'to speak what I do know and testify of the things I have seen.' To quote a great social leader of a past generation, I say: 'While there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal class I am of it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free.'

'I have found that 'decent boldness ever meets with friends'."

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3. A reprint from the "New York Times," February 22, 1959, by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

4. An undated typewritten letter signed by Reverend PETER MC CORMACK and Reverend ERWIN A. GAEDE from 1950 Veteran Avenue, Los Angeles 28, California, which is an appeal to clergymen to sign the appeal to the President in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

5. A mimeographed sheet entitled, "Comments by Dr. HAROLD C. GREY at the Dinner Honoring Reverend PETER MC CORMACK on March 13, 1959 at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco, California."

"Some years ago during the Rosenberg trial I made a political speech in the neighborhood of the University of Chicago in connection with a representative from our district. Afterwards a lady came and asked to visit me at my office. When she appeared the next day I learned it was about the Rosenberg case and that she thought that the sentences were extreme. I shrugged the matter off as quickly as possible and went on with my work. A few days later I was asked to make a statement in connection with the case and I said no because I knew nothing about it. A few days later a transcript of the records of the case was on my desk. I spent a week reading this. Half way through, I was sure they were guilty. After completing the reading I believe this case was a travesty of justice, that the evidence was doubtful and possibly perjured. I doubt that the Rosenbergs had anything to do with espionage and I think the evidence against Morton Sobell was exceedingly flimsy. In my opinion the judge was prejudiced and showed it during the course of the trial. I do not like to accept the uncorroborated evidence of accomplices and people who had admitted that they had committed perjury in the past. I have been assured by outstanding authorities who saw the material impounded by the court that it would be valuable to enemies of the United States. Greenglass and Harry Gold say they transmitted this. Whether valuable or not it was a violation of the espionage act for which they should have been punished. What was established in my mind was that Rosenberg and Sobell had nothing to do with it.

"I do not know the people of this case and have never met them. In the trial it appeared that they had very leftist

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"views, a point of view with which I do not sympathize, but I am not interested in the politics of this case. I am interested in justice as administered in this country regardless of the political views that people may have.

"The Rosenberg trial occurred at the height of the McCarthy hysteria and the atmosphere that existed at that time. I do not believe that justice worthy of the name of the United States could have been secured for these people. I doubt if any member of the jury who voted for acquittal could have returned to his community and lead a normal existence.

"I am appearing at the meeting on the Sobell case to state publicly that these are my views."

6. A printed "Appeal to the President on Behalf of MORTON SOBELL" addressed to the President of the United States originated by clergymen.

7. A mimeographed sheet entitled, "JUDGE KAUFMAN FAILS TO GET HIGHER COURT APPOINTMENT."

This statement announces that on March 11, 1959, HENRY JACOB FRIENDLY, a New York attorney, was nominated by President EISENHOWER to fill the year-old vacancy on the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit for which the article states Judge KAUFMAN was a strong candidate. This statement ends with the following quotation:

"Obviously the public reluctance to honor Judge KAUFMAN stresses in a new way the need for the resolution of the issues in the case of MORTON SOBELL."

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on May 18, 1959, furnished items 1 and 4 listed above. b-2

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On June 8, 1959, [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] furnished to SA GEORGE P. SIMPSON

the following material:

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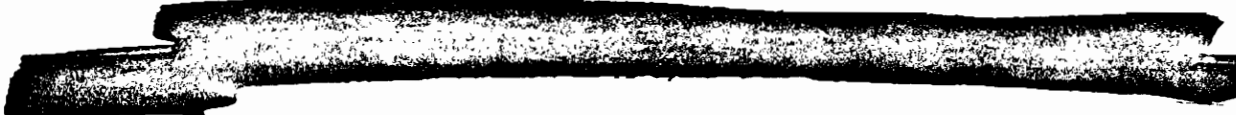

1. A flyer of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell which states that it is a reprint of the full text of an independent plea for MORTON SOBELL which was reported in the "New York Times" on February 22, 1959.


2. An undated letter from Rev. PETER MC CORMACK and Rev. ERWIN A. GAEDE to "Dear Friend" regarding "The enclosed appeal to the President," on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

3. A form entitled, "APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF MORTON SOBELL," in the form of a letter to the President containing a box for the insertion of the name and address of the mailer.

4. An envelope with the return address:

"Rev. Peter McCormack
Rev. Erwin A. Gaede
1950 Veteran Avenue
Los Angeles 25, California"

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On July 10, 1959, Confidential Informant  furnished a letter with the return address 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York, received on that date, post-marked July 9, 1959, which contained a mimeographed message on the letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, with the mimeographed subheading of Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue. This mimeographed message was an invitation to the recipient to join the growing number of people who are concerning themselves in the case of MORTON SOBELL and has been set forth previously in this report under the heading, "PROGRAM OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE." b2

Confidential Informant  furnished on July 28, 1959, the same literature as mentioned above which was received by the informant on July 10, 1959. b2

This material also included a tabloid newspaper entitled, "TODAY'S VERDICT IN THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL,"

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published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell, July, 1959 issue.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on August 6, 1959,
furnished the same literature as set forth above. b2

APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 70.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the***American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1950, p. 21.)

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party state committee unanimously ~~approved a resolution dissolving the organization and~~ ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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APPENDIX

MASSES AND MAINSTREAM

Cited as the successor to New Masses, "a Communist magazine."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, p. 75; also cited in House Report 1694 on Organized Communism in the United States, May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, p. 98.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Albany, New York
September 18, 1959

COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent ROBERT S. REA dated and captioned as above at Albany, New York, and to Confidential Informants AL T-1 through AL T-6 mentioned therein.

All of these informants have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and neither are to be divulged outside of the agency to which loaned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

September 21, 1959

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA of 1950


OO: New York

Re Boston letter to the Director dated April 15, 1959.

A review of the files in the Boston Office failed to reflect any information which would tend to indicate that this organization is presently active in the Boston area.

The following informants, who have knowledge of phases of Communist Party activity in the Boston area, when contacted during September, 1959, advised that they had no information of a current nature concerning this organization:

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 contacted 9/15/59 by SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN
contacted 9/15/59 by SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN
contacted 9/14/59 by SA JAMES B. STEPHENSON

The Boston Office will remain alert to any pertinent information concerning captioned matter and will keep the Bureau and New York advised.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the Boston Office, UACB.

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2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)
1 - Boston (100-27290)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 9/25/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/11 - 21/59
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY CARROLL M. GARNETT	TYPED PRM
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

REFERENCE

Report of SA CARROLL M. GARNETT dated 3/25/59, at Washington, D. C., and report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN dated 7/31/59, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SAs PAUL E. MORRISON and CARROLL M. GARNETT participated in the fisur of the meeting held on 6/4/59, at 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, and observed all the activity.

SAs MORRISON and ROBERT L. HOLCOMBE participated in the fisur at 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, on June 5, 1959, and observed all the activity.

The following sources were used to characterize the Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D. C., used in the Appendix:

<p>APPROVED _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES MADE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-Bureau (100-387835) 2-New York (100-107111) (RM) 1-OS1, Bolling Air Force Base (RM) 1-ONI, PRNC (RM) 1-G-2, MDW (RM) 2-Washington Field (100-25474) 	<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; bottom: 10px; right: 10px; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">100-107111-3715</div> </div>
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First Source - CSNY 425-S
Second Source - WF 990-S*
Third Source - Trash cover, MORRIS CHANSKY,
123 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

The report has been classified "Confidential" because data furnished by the following informants could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof:

WF T-1, WF T-2, WF T-3, WF T-4, WF T-5, WF T-11,
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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will continue to follow the activities of the Washington Sobell Committee.

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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL
SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) described by informant
as affiliated with National Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell. Purpose of WSC is to obtain MORTON
SOBELL's release from the Atlanta Penitentiary. ETHEL
WEICHBROD and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN characterized as driving
forces of this organization in the past; SARAH HAMMOND also
described as leader of this group. WSC has no local member-
ship or headquarters. Individuals residing in Washington, D.C.
area sending greetings to MORTON SOBELL in December, 1958, see
forth [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARNOLD JOHNSON, National Legis-
lative Director, CP, on 7/12/59, stated SOBELL case is today's
rallying point for most groups.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Communist Party (CP) and the Communist Political
Association (CPA) have been designated by the Attorney General
of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Names of individuals designated by an asterisk (*)
throughout this report will be identified in Section I,
Identification of Individuals.

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I. BACKGROUND

The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case is cited by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities, dated January 2, 1957, as follows:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

On August 31, 1959, [REDACTED] reported that the b2 Washington Sobell Committee (WSC), an organization in existence in the Washington, D. C., area, is affiliated with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

II. AIMS

[REDACTED] on August 31, 1959, advised that the b2 objectives of the WSC are to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL, who is a prisoner in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, and to embarrass the United States Government where possible.

[REDACTED]

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III. OFFICERS

[REDACTED] on August 31, 1959, reported that while the WSC has been inactive lately and no literature has been circulated showing the current officers, ETHEL WEICHBROD* and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* have been two of the driving forces in this organization in the past.

b2

[REDACTED] on April 7, 1959, reported that a meeting of the WSC was held on April 4, 1959, at the home of ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tabona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. Informant stated that during this meeting ETHEL WEICHBROD* acted as Mistress of Ceremony, SARAH HAMMOND* gave an address concerning the progress the Sobell Committee has made and DALE STEELE* gave the collection appeal.

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[REDACTED] on April 13, 1959, reported that a social sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was held on April 11, 1959, at 5730 Virginian Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was attended by approximately 125 individuals. The informant stated that SARAH HAMMOND*, described at the Head of the Sobell Committee from Washington, D. C., attended this social and asked for contributions from the audience.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on April 14, 1959, and [REDACTED] on April 17, 1959, also reported concerning the Sobell Committee meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 11, 1959. These informants stated that SARAH HAMILTON, from the Washington, D. C., Sobell Committee, was present at this fund raising affair and led the collection appeal.

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IV. MEMBERSHIP

[REDACTED] on August 31, 1959, reported that in the past the WSC did not have a membership, but that the organization is composed of individuals interested in the objectives of this committee.

[REDACTED]

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V. HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED] on August 31, 1959, reported that he had received no information indicating that the WSC has occupied office space in the Washington, D. C., area. b2

[REDACTED] on April 7, 1959, pointed out that a meeting of the Sobell Committee was held in the home of ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on April 4, 1959. b2

VI. FUNDS

[REDACTED] on April 7, 1959, reported that a meeting of the WSC was held on April 4, 1959, at the home of ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, and that approximately 65 persons attended this function. Informant stated that DALE STEELE* made a collection appeal at this meeting [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on March 31, 1959, reported that on that date the Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D. C., elected to contribute \$15.00 to the Sobell Committee of Washington. b2

The Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D. C., is identified in the Appendix.

VII. ACTIVITY

A. GREETING CARDS SENT TO MORTON SOBELL IN DECEMBER, 1958, FROM INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C. AREA

On March 28, 1959, [REDACTED] made available a copy of the following letter which was typewritten: b2

"I thought you'd like to use the enclosed greeting card to express to MORTON SOBELL your continuing interest in his case. Your wishes and the knowledge that the other half of the card is being sent to the President as an appeal for his freedom will encourage MORT greatly. The card was produced by the Minnesota Sobell Committee and is being distributed and used nationally. These Xmas appeals to the President, coming from all parts of our country, will support the thousands of signatures

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on petitions being submitted by HELEN SOBELL* to the Pardon Attorney in Washington this week.

"I'd like to urge you, also, to send me your contribution to support the intensified public activity and legal work that are necessary to insure a victory in MORTON's case.

ETHEL WEICHBROD*"

"8321 Tabona Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland"

[REDACTED] ^{D2} on March 26, 1959, made available information that the following individuals residing in Washington, D. C., area sent MORTON SOBELL form greeting cards in December, 1958:

ABE BLOOM*, 1202 Mississippi Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D. C.

SAM DAVIDSON, Washington, D. C.

BURTON FELTER†, 5401 9th Street, N.W.
Washington 11, D. C.

MARCUS* and ELIZABETH* GOLDMAN, Washington, D.C.

HELEN* and CASEY* GUREWITZ, Langley Park, Maryland

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN*, 5924 9th Street,
Washington, D. C.

SARAH ROSEFIELD, Washington, D. C.

BERNICE and DALE* STEELE, Silver Spring, Maryland

DOROTHY TODD , Chevy Chase, Maryland

This card contained the following message from
DOROTHY TODD :

"We are deeply appreciative of your integrity and perseverance in clearing yourself and we on outside are helping."

IRV* and LENNIE* TEITELBAUM, Hyattsville, Maryland

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This card states as follows:

"From friends in Maryland."

RUTH* and HUDSON* WELLS, Washington, D. C.

HELEN* and IRVING* WINIK, Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] stated that all of the above cards b2
contained the following printed address:

"Mr. MORTON SOBELL
P.M.B. 71342
Atlanta 15, Georgia."

The reverse side of each card contained the
following:

"Season's Greetings"

[REDACTED] on March 26, 1959, made available a b2
Christmas card sent to MORTON SOBELL, Atlanta, Georgia,
from DAVID* and SARAH* HAMMOND mailed December 23, 1958,
at Silver Spring, Maryland. This Christmas card stated
as follows:

"To MORT -
Season's Greetings,

Affectionately,

DAVID* and SARAH* HAMMOND."

B. SOBELL MEETING APRIL 4, 1959

[REDACTED] on April 29, 1959, and [REDACTED] on b2
May 29, 1959, each made available an announcement of a
meeting being sponsored by the WSC to be held on Saturday,
April 4, 1959, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of JOSEPH* and
ETHEL*WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.
This announcement states that entertainment would be provided
by LLOYD GOUGH* and his wife, KAREN MORLEY*.

[REDACTED] on April 7, 1959, reported a meeting of b2
the Sobell Committee was held on Saturday evening, April 4,
1959, at the home of JOSEPH* and ETHEL*WEICHBROD, 8321
Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. Informant stated
a featured guest at this affair was LLOYD GOUGH* who was

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introduced as an actor from New York City. Informant stated GOUGH has appeared on the New York stage and on television in supporting roles. Informant stated that GOUGH, who was accompanied by his wife, KAREN MORLEY, entertained those present with songs for which he received large applause.

Informant stated that SARAH HAMMOND* addressed the group and gave a progress report on the Sobell Committee.

Informant stated that during the course of the evening a petition was circulated which had to do with the alleged discrimination against Negroes by the cafeteria and lunchrooms in Woodward and Lothrop in Silver Spring, Maryland. Informant stated that the petition was addressed to Woodward and Lothrop and threatened a redrawing of patronage by the undersigned if their complaint is ignored.

Informant stated that approximately 65 persons attended the above affair and that included among these were the following:



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C SOBELL MEETING JUNE 4, 1959
ATTENDED BY HELEN SOBELL

On June 2, 1959, [REDACTED] reported that ABE ^{b2}
BLOOM* stated on that date "there is a gathering of
some people at SYLVIA BERNSTEIN's* on Thursday and
some gal from New York is coming down to give us the
latest dope on the SOBELL case."

During the evening of Thursday, June 4, 1959,
Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(SAs of the FBI) observed the following individuals
present at the residence of AL* and SYLVIA* BERNSTEIN,
9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland:

- AL* and SYLVIA* BERNSTEIN
- ETHEL WEICHBROD*
- ABE BLOOM*

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NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN*
SARAH* and DAVID* HAMMOND
HELEN SOBELL*

SAs of the FBI observed that HELEN SOBELL* departed the above residence at 11:53 p.m. June 4, 1959, and left the area in a red Chevrolet convertible bearing Pennsylvania license M14 457 being driven by an unknown white female who left the BERNSTEIN residence with SOBELL.

On June 5, 1959, SAs of the FBI observed that the above unknown white female at 11:13 a.m. left the residence of JOSEPH LEVITOV, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, and walked to her car, a red Chevrolet convertible, bearing Pennsylvania tags M14 457 which was parked in the rear of this building. SAs of the FBI noted that at 12:58 p.m. HELEN SOBELL* left this residence.

It is noted that on August 24, 1950, JOSEPH LEVITOV, at that time residing at 7501 8th Street, N.W., advised SA LEWIS E. GLENN that he is the brother of HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL and that their parents reside and operate a store at 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

By letter dated September 2, 1959, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, advised that Pennsylvania tags M14 457, a 1952 Chevrolet, is registered to MILNOR ALEXANDER*, Rockefeller Hall, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

D. MEETING JUNE 24, 1959, FEATURING
MILNOR ALEXANDER

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[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] advised that on June 24, 1959, Miss MILNOR ALEXANDER spoke on behalf of MORTON SOBELL before a private group of approximately fifteen individuals at the Davis House, 1822 R Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Each of the persons present represented a local organization in the Washington, D. C. area, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, National Education Association, American Veterans Committee, and the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom.

Among those present were [REDACTED] b7D

Miss ALEXANDER said that she is currently traveling around the United States, speaking before various groups interested in obtaining the release from prison of MORTON SOBELL. ALEXANDER said that the public opinion "climate" is now changing and the time is right for bringing pressure, in the form of letters, to the President of the United States and U.S. Congressmen.

ALEXANDER talked about the weaknesses in the Sobell trial. She said that SOBELL was the only one who would not cooperate with the Government and that is why he was placed on trial along with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. She said the United States Government connived with the Mexican Government in having SOBELL deported from Mexico. She mentioned KLAUS FUCHS and compared his light prison sentence to the one SOBELL is serving. She said that MAX ELITCHER is a source of weakness to the Government's case in that he had a criminal record which was not brought out at the trial.

ALEXANDER had with her copies of the verbatim transcript of SOBELL's trial, consisting of eight volumes, which could be purchased for six dollars. She also had copies of the July, 1959, issue of "Today's Verdict," self-identified as published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

Interview with [REDACTED] File # WFO 100-25474

on 6/25/59 at [REDACTED] Date dictated [REDACTED] b7D

by Special Agents F. B. GRIFFITH, JR. and RAYMOND L. O'KELLY Typed by SA O'KELLY on June 29, 1959

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ALEXANDER described herself as a teacher of Political Science at Bryn Mawr College. She can be temporarily contacted at 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

[REDACTED] obtained the following items at Davis House:

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[REDACTED]

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VIII LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

On April 7, 1959, [REDACTED] made available the following literature which was available at the Sobell Committee meeting held on April 4, 1959, at the home of ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland:

1. "Memorandum to the Subcommittee on American Republics Affairs, Foreign Relations Committee, U.S. Senate, Washington, D. C., submitted in behalf of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City 10."

The above memorandum has been previously described in this report.

2. Printed sheet dealing with "Text of Statement on the Morton Sobell Case by CARLETON BEALS, author, lecturer, authority on Mexicans in the Caribbean area, and former consultant to the United States Government on Mexican affairs. Mr. BEALS calls SOBELL's conviction a 'brazen denial of elementary rights' and 'so absurd it is incredible' in the following letter to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL."

3. Leaflet entitled, "Judge KAUFMAN Fails to Get Higher Court Appointment." This leaflet in part states as follows:

"The fact that the Justice Department and the White House by-passed Judge IRVING KAUFMAN, who was scheduled to have received the appointment, is a hopeful sign that we are moving away from the hysteria symbolized by the Judge's sentences against the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, and that the atmosphere in Washington for winning MORTON SOBELL's freedom is improving."

4. Leaflet entitled, "Comments by Dr. HAROLD C. UREY at the Dinner Honoring Reverend PETER MC CORMACK on March 13, 1959, at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco, California." This leaflet in part states as follows:

"The ROSENBERG trial occurred at the height of the MC CARTHY hysteria and the atmosphere that existed at that time. I do not believe that justice worthy of the name of the United States could have been secured for these people. I doubt that any member of the jury who voted for acquittal could have returned to his community and led a normal existence."

5. Memorandum dated March 13, 1959, entitled, "Alcatraz Was My Parish" which contains excerpts from remarks made by Reverend PETER MC CORMACK at a dinner given in his honor. The memorandum points out that Reverend MC CORMACK was Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz during MORTON SOBELL's imprisonment there. This memorandum in part is as follows:

"This word in closing, I was asked recently why I have taken such an interest in MORTON SOBELL, when there was so many men under my care. My answer is because of my intimate acquaintance with Mr. SOBELL, and because of my study of the case from the very beginning... when there was so much 'sound and fury, signifying nothing'.... I secured a transcript of the court record - 1715 pages in all, and after careful study and knowing the man, I feel satisfied in my own mind, that MORTON is innocent, a victim of perjury, politics and prejudice. So there is a sense of urgency impelling me 'to speak what I, do know and testify of the things I have seen.' To a good social leader of the past generation, I say; 'while there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal class, I am of it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free.' "

IX. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[REDACTED] reported in July, 1959, that on July 12, 1959, ARNOLD JOHNSON, while visiting Washington, D. C., stated that the SOBELL case is today's rallying point for most groups but added 'there is a lot of interest shown in the nuclear ban. 62

It is noted that "The Evening Star", a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, in its edition of Saturday, May 16,

1959, page A-13, columns 1-2 contained an article entitled, "D.C. Witness Scorns Query On Allegiance." This article contains a photograph of ARNOLD JOHNSON and stated JOHNSON in testifying on May 14, 1959, before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee identified himself as the National Legislative Director of the Communist Party.

X. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

MILNOR ALEXANDER

On March 20, 1959, [REDACTED] advised a Miss ALEXANDER, who had recently moved to the Philadelphia area from California, was currently employed as a counselor at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Informant learned that Miss ALEXANDER was a very good friend of HELEN SOBELL* and planned to travel with Mrs. SOBELL. b2

On June 15, 1959, [REDACTED] identified Miss ALEXANDER as MILNOR ALEXANDER who was then employed as a housemother at Bryn Mawr College. b2

LEITA BECK

[REDACTED] on August 9, 1950, identified LEITA BECK as a CP member in 1949. b7D

SAM BECK

[REDACTED] January 15, 1948, reported that SAM BECK was at that time a member of a CP club of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland. b7D

AL BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, identified AL BERNSTEIN as a current CP member. b2

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a CP member. b2

ABE BLOOM

[REDACTED] on February 23, 1955, stated he had no knowledge of CP membership on the part of ABE BLOOM but that BLOOM is an individual who supports CP policies. b2

HERMAN CLOTT

[REDACTED] on December 15, 1954, identified HERMAN CLOTT as a current CP member. b2

GERTRUDE EVANS

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, identified GERTRUDE EVANS as a current CP member. b2

BURTON FELTER
Also Known As "BERT"

[REDACTED] on April 15, 1959, identified BERT FELTER as a current member of the CP in Washington, D. C. b2

FLORENCE FORER

[REDACTED] on November 14, 1952, advised that a reception was held at the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., on November 7, 1952, and that FLORENCE FORER attended this affair. b2

JOSEPH FORER

It is noted that JOSEPH FORER is one of the attorneys who recently represented the CP, USA, before the Subversive Activities Control Board, the United States Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

CHARLES GIFT

[REDACTED] on April 15, 1959, identified CHARLES GIFT as a current CP member. b2

ELIZABETH and MARCUS GOLDMAN

[REDACTED] on January 26, 1959, advised that MARCUS GOLDMAN recently commented that while he is not an active communist, he is still adhering to the ideals of the CP at the present time. b2

[REDACTED] on February 4, 1959, advised that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN considers herself to be a communist and wants to act like one. b2

On February 9, 1959, [REDACTED] reported that the GOLDMANS were currently supporting the CP financially. b2

LLOYD GOUGH

The "Washington Post", daily newspaper published in Washington, D. C., in its issue of May 18, 1951, contained an article entitled, "Decline In Power of Film Reds Told." This article relates that on May 17, 1951, LLOYD GOUGH, age 43, declined to answer any questions posed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities relating to his associates. On grounds of self-incrimination, he refused to give the name of the director of the film "Body and Soul" in which he appeared and JOHN GARFIELD starred. The article states that the director's name was ROBERT ROSSEN, named as a communist in other testimony. The article continued by stating that GOUGH, a World War II veteran who received a Bronze Star, said he would go into the Army again if required to do so by law, but avoided stating if he would fight against communism.

CASEY GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] on October 10, 1958, identified CASEY GUREWITZ as a CP member as of October 6, 1958. b2

HELEN GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] on October 10, 1958, identified HELEN GUREWITZ as a CP member as of October 6, 1958. b2

DAVID HAMMOND

[REDACTED] identified DAVID HAMMOND on March 18, 1957, as having attended the [REDACTED] New York County CP [REDACTED] b7D

SARAH HAMMOND

[REDACTED] on January 31, 1957, reported that SARAH HAMMOND attended the [REDACTED] CP [REDACTED] b7D

RAY KAGAR

[REDACTED] on February 23, 1955, identified RAY KAGAR as a current CP member. b2

JULIUS KAPLAN

[REDACTED] on January 23, 1958, advised that JULIUS b2
KAPLAN was in charge of all CP literature distribution in
Washington, D. C.

This informant also reported that KAPLAN attended
a CP meeting on [REDACTED] b7D

MEYER KRAUS

[REDACTED] b1

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN

[REDACTED] on January 12, 1959, reported there was
a social affair sponsored by the CP for the purpose of
raising funds [REDACTED] b7D

"The Worker" is an East Coast communist weekly
newspaper.

LEON MALKIN

[REDACTED] on August 29, 1952, advised that LEON b2
MALKIN was definitely sympathetic to the causes supported
by the CP. However, informant stated he knew of no CP
membership by MALKIN.

JESSIE MICHELSON

[REDACTED] in October, 1950,
advised that JESSIE MICHELSON was secretary of the
Petworth Club of the CP, Washington, D. C., as late as
September, 1949. b7D


SAM MICHELSON

[REDACTED] on June 18, 1948,
identified SAM MICHELSON as a current member of the CP
in Washington, D. C. b7D


KAREN MORLEY

The "New York Daily News", a daily newspaper published in New York City, in edition of November 14, 1952, page 26, stated that KAREN MORLEY appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., on November 13, 1952, and resorted to the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions of the committee.


LEO ORBACH


advised that during this period ORBACH was openly critical of the United States and at the same time praised the Soviet Union. b7D


REBECCA PEARLMAN

 in February, 1953, identified REBECCA b2 PEARLMAN as a current CP member.

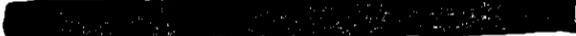
RAY PINKSON

 on March 30, 1953, stated he knew RAY b2 PINKSON to be a past member of the CP.

SELMA REIN

 on January 21, 1954, identified SELMA b2 REIN as a current member of the CP.


SOPHIE RICH

 in August, 1950, identified SOPHIE RICH as a member of the CP in 1949. b7D

ANNE ROSEN

 b7D

ADELE SMITH

 on April 22, 1955, identified ADELE SMITH b2 as a member of the CP in the District of Columbia in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

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HELEN SOBELL

[REDACTED] on February 2, 1944, identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D. C., as of February 1, 1944. b7D

DALE STEELE

[REDACTED] in September, 1953, identified DALE STEELE b2 as a current CP member.

LOUIS SINGER

The April 8, 1953, issue of the "New York Daily Mirror", newspaper published in New York City, reported that New York public school teacher, LOUIS SINGER, was suspended by the superintendent of schools on April 13, 1953, for insubordination and refusal to answer questions regarding his alleged CP membership.

CHARLES SKLAR

[REDACTED] on March 11, 1958, identified CHARLES b2 SKLAR as a current CP member.

SARA SKLAR

[REDACTED] on March 11, 1958, identified SARA SKLAR b2 as a current CP member.

IRVING TEITELBAUM

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, identified IRVING b2 TEITELBAUM as a current CP member.

LENITA TEITELBAUM
Also Known As LENNIE

[REDACTED] on May 27, 1953, identified LENNIE b2 TEITELBAUM as a current CP member.

JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD

[REDACTED] on February 23, 1955, advised that in February, 1955, [REDACTED] that JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD admitted to him that they were current CP members. b7D

JULIUS WEISSER

[REDACTED] on June 2, 1948, advised that JULIUS WEISSER was a member of the CP in New Haven, Connecticut, from 1929-1936. b2

ROY HUDSON WELLS

[REDACTED] on August 26, 1954, advised ROY HUDSON WELLS had been a CP member for the past 18 years. b2

RUTH WELLS

[REDACTED] in February, 1953, identified RUTH WELLS as a current CP member. b2

HELEN and IRVING WINIK

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, identified HELEN and IRVING WINIK as current members of the CP. b2

VI. APPENDIX

EMMA LAZARUS CLUB OF WASHINGTON D, C. (ELCW)

A source on June 16, 1951, furnished information reflecting that there was in existence in Washington, D.C., an organization of the Emma Lazarus Women's Division, Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO), of the International Workers Order (IWO).

On January 12, 1959, a second source advised that the Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D. C. (ELCW) was instructed to elect their delegates to the national convention of Emma Lazarus Clubs to be held on February 6-8, 1959, in New York City.

In March, 1959, this second source advised that at an [REDACTED] the National Convention of the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs, held in February 1959, at New York City, [REDACTED] b7D

On June 15, 1959, a third source made available information reflecting that the ELCW was in existence and holding meetings as of June 9, 1959.

The JPFO and the IWO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~The Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs~~ is characterized separately in the appendix.

EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS, aka ELF

"The Jewish Fraternalist", dated October, 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

The JPFO and the IWO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Morning Freiheit" is characterized separately in the appendix.

MORNING FREIHEIT

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit:"

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE,
Congressional Record, September 24,
1942, p. 7686.
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest
organs of Communist propaganda in this
country for almost a quarter of a
century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 1311 on the CIO Political
Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington 25, D.C.

September 25, 1959

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT
OF 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Carroll M. Garnett dated and captioned as above at Washington, D. C.

WF T-7, WF T-17 and WF T-21 used in this report were in a position to furnish reliable information. All of the other confidential informants and sources used in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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● *To Free Morton Sobell*

June 19

Heartened, this sixth anniversary of the fateful Friday on which Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were executed, by the lofty spirit and broadly representative speakers at the Webster Hall meeting arranged by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (910 Broadway, N. Y. 10). As Helen Sobell said in her stirring address, "this year marks the turning point" after "nine long years against the tide." Taking the Chair, Prof. Thomas L. Emerson (Yale Law School) declared he shared "the growing conviction that injustice has been done" to Sobell. Dr. Murray Branch, professor of religion at Morehouse College, Atlanta, impressively asserted that one reason for his interest in the case was that, as a Negro, he knew "that members of a minority group, when sitting in judgment on members of their own group, are likely to lean over backwards." The audience of 600 listened intently as the 76 year old Dr. Horace M. Kallen (author, philosopher, Jewish ideologist, member of the executive committees of the World Jewish Congress and the American Association for Jewish Education, professor at the New School for Social Research) ~~solidly but firmly explained that~~ after years of avoiding the issue, he was now "here as an act of conscience," that he accepted "the telling statements by Prof. Branch," that "this kind of injustice is a betrayal of the country to the world," that Rev. Peter McCormack, former Alcatraz chaplain, and he were forming a Committee of Independent Citizens to review the case and press for Sobell's freedom. The audience gave \$1396.62 for that end.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE: Portland letter to Bureau March 18, 1959.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

This report is classified ~~confidential~~ since data reported from T-1, T-3, T-4, T-5, and T-6, could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value, and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

<p>APPROVED _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES MADE: 5-Bureau (RM)(100-387835) 2-New York (RM)(100-107111) 2-G-2 Seattle (RM) 1-ONI, Seattle (RM) 1-OSI, Seattle (RM) 2-Portland (100-9004)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">100-107111-3916</p>
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THE PORTLAND DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will continue to follow the activities of
instant committee in the Portland area.

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Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

"WIDGE" NEWMAN, organizer of instant committee in Los Angeles, visits Portland area as part of West Coast tour to rekindle interest in SOBELL case. Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD reportedly re-named chairman of Portland committee.

~~_____~~ Mrs. HELEN SOBELL also visits Portland area. Makes several appearances on husband's behalf. b1

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DETAILS:

On April 16, 1959, Portland Confidential Informant T-1 advised that a meeting at which the principal speaker was IRMA VIVIAN "WIDGE" NEWMAN of Los Angeles, California, was the principal speaker, was held on April 10, 1959, at the home of Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD, 2033 S.E. Ash, Portland.

Portland Confidential Informant T-2 has identified Mrs. NEWMAN as the organizer of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in Los Angeles.

According to T-1, Mrs. NEWMAN's appearance in Portland was part of a tour that she was making of the West Coast in an effort to rekindle interest in the MORTON SOBELL case. She arrived in Portland on April 9, 1959, and while in Portland stayed at the LEOPOLD home.

Mrs. NEWMAN spoke at the above meeting, stating that she had attended a workshop meeting in New York, and it had been decided that she should make the West Coast tour to step up interest in the Sobell matter. She pointed out that SOBELL had been transferred from Alcatraz to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, and that his chances for parole were now apparently brighter. She noted that SOBELL has more privileges than ever before. She added that all possible legal steps had been considered, and that it was felt that SOBELL's parole was the best goal.

Mrs. NEWMAN said that she was chairman of a Sobell Committee in California, and that she had started this tour in Vancouver, B. C. She claimed that the people in Canada were doing more in the Sobell matter than those in the Northwest, and seemed to know more about the case. She went on to say that France and Great Britain are interested in the legal angle of the Sobell case, and that the Mexican government is also most interested.

Mrs. NEWMAN further stated that the proper approach is through ministers, attorneys, and others in public life. She emphasized the ministers particularly, since they are interested in the case from a humanitarian point of view. She exhibited a petition which allegedly bore the names of many prominent ministers.

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Mrs. NEWMAN said that she had arrived in Portland the previous day, and since that time had been endeavoring to make contacts in Portland. She was enthusiastic over an editorial which had appeared in the April 5, 1959, issue of The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, which had indicated that there might be some question as to the guilt of SOBELL. Mrs. NEWMAN also stated that a lack of funds is the biggest problem in the present campaign, and in her contacts she had been endeavoring to get contributions. So far, however, she had received mostly promises.

T-1 identified Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD as the individual who had been the leader of the Sobell Committee in Portland over the years, and in fact, had been virtually a one-man committee. Mrs. LEOPOLD spoke at the above April 10, 1959, meeting, repeating in general what Mrs. NEWMAN had said. She added that an effort had been made on the previous date to reactivate the Portland committee, and that she was to continue as chairman. The secretary, she said, is to be Mrs. ELBERTA "BETTY" WOLLAM. Mrs. NEWMAN also indicated that the work of the committee in Portland would consist principally of making contacts for contributions and the distribution of literature.

Mrs. WOLLAM is known to T-1 to be a current active leader of the Communist Party in Portland.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Portland Confidential Informant T-3 on April 16, 1959, also told of the above meeting on April 10, 1959. [REDACTED] said that approximately 18 persons were present at this fund raising affair. Among them were [REDACTED]

In her remarks, according to T-3, Mrs. NEWMAN declared that her purpose for visiting Portland was to raise funds for the Sobell Committee. She told of having visited Vancouver, B.C., Seattle, and Tacoma, Washington, before coming to Portland. She claimed that the people in

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Vancouver had raised \$250, and that the response in Seattle also had been good. She added that what was needed was money, and she asked for contributions beginning with \$25, and ending with the loose change which those present might have in their pockets. [REDACTED] b7D

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Mrs. SOBELL arrived in Portland in the latter part of July and was given considerable publicity in the Portland press. The July 30, 1959, issue of The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, carried an interview of Mrs. SOBELL, and stated that she had spoken at a forum type luncheon meeting on July 29, 1959. According to the article, she was to meet thereafter with home groups until August 2, 1959, when she would go on to California. The account further stated that while in Portland, Mrs. SOBELL was staying with Mrs. LEOPOLD.

An interview also was carried in the July 29, 1959, issue of the Oregon Journal, also a Portland daily newspaper. This article told of her appearance at the July 29 luncheon, and said that she was to present her case thereafter in a series of private meetings. The article also said that Mrs. SOBELL is now employed by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is supported by private contributions. It added that the committee is trying to enlist public support for an appeal to President EISENHOWER to commute SOBELL's sentence, and also to urge Congress to step into the case.

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[REDACTED] advised on July 29, 1959, that she had attended the no-host forum luncheon meeting on that date at the YMCA. She said that Mrs. SOBELL told of the trial and conviction of her husband, and distributed a leaflet purporting to reflect endorsement by persons of prominence, including members of the clergy. [REDACTED] said that this luncheon was sponsored by no organized group. b7D

Similar information concerning this luncheon meeting was provided on July 30, 1959, [REDACTED]

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Information on the [REDACTED] meeting also was supplied on [REDACTED] by Portland Confidential Informants T-7 and T-8.

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A second reception for Mrs. SOBELL was held on July 31, 1959, at the home of Mrs. LEOPOLD, with about 28 persons present. Information on this affair was provided on August 4, 1959, by T-6, who said that Mrs. SOBELL again outlined her husband's case [REDACTED] b70 and had those in attendance write postcards asking for SOBELL's freedom.

It might be noted that on August 6, 1959, Portland Confidential Informant T-9 said that invitations had been sent out for this July 31 reception, and that these invitations contained a return envelope addressed to Mrs. LEOPOLD, and a note saying that if the recipients could not attend, please send some "green" representative.

Information on the July 31, 1959, reception also was provided on August 6, 1959, by T-5, and on September 1, 1959, by T-3.

A third function for Mrs. SOBELL, a dinner meeting was held on August 1, 1959, at the home of MORRIS DRAGOON, 9922 S.W. 57th Avenue, Portland, according to information provided on August 3, 1959, by Portland Confidential Informant T-10. Approximately 46 persons were present [REDACTED] Mrs. SOBELL made b70 the same plea and urged all present to get into some type of work which would assist in gaining freedom for her husband. She again asked all to write to the President and to their Congressmen.

MORRIS DRAGOON is known to T-10 to have been active in the Progressive Party of Oregon in the late 1940's and early 1950's. A characterization of the Progressive Party of Oregon is contained in the Appendix hereto.

PORTLAND CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Portland Confidential Informants have advised that the PORTLAND CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION, aka. OREGON CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION, and OREGON FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION, has been in existence since September 23, 1950, and consistently reflect a pro-Russian, pro-Communist line, and its leadership including its executive board is composed of former Communist Party members and others who are definitely sympathetic to the Communist Party.

METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

The METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as "among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work and dealing with the problems of the unemployed and underprivileged."

PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF OREGON

According to Portland Confidential Informants, the PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF OREGON was dominated by past and present COMMUNIST PARTY members throughout its existence from 1948 to April, 1954. The organization went out of existence in April, 1954.



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Portland, Oregon

September 30, 1959

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

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October 7, 1959

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of August, 1959. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum.

Report is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

Report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

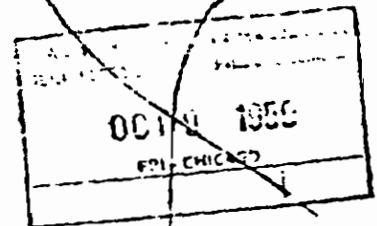
1 - New York (RM) (100-10711 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL))

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Chicago Sobell Committee
August, 1959

DATE	CHECKS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
			\$461.25
7	\$32.50		428.75
10	51.00	\$5.72	372.03
13	28.50		343.53
17		\$79.00	422.53
21	10.42		412.11
24	50.00		362.11
27	49.00		313.11
27	.75		312.36
28	50.00		262.36
31		377.87	640.23

Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
\$32.50	Praga Press	Kaspar American-Chgo
51.00	General Service Adm.	Federal Reserve-Chgo
5.72	Comm. Secure Justice	
	M. Sobell	Join Exchange - N.Y.
28.50	Art Mimeo and Letter	LaSalle Natl. - Chgo
10.42	Illinois Bell	First Natl. - Chicago
50.00	Cash	Us
49.00	Art Mimeo and Letter	LaSalle Natl.-Chicago
.75	Service Charge	
50.00	Cash	Us.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337035)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau.

~~X~~ This letterhead memorandum is being classified "Confidential" because the information contained therein is known to very few persons and, therefore, could jeopardize the informant's identity.

On 10/7/59, [redacted] ^{b7D} who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the information contained in attached letterhead memorandum.

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New York, New York
October 8, 1959

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Re: National Committee To Secure
Justice For Morton Sobell

- On October 7, 1959, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED] the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, [REDACTED] New York, New York. [REDACTED]

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

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- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell', the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference

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1 - Supervisor, Section 42

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Re: National Committee To Secure
Justice For Morton Sobell

"in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairman of the newest organizations were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell', August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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3727	10-16-59	HQ LETTER TO SAC NY RE: SUBJECT	1	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
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3761	11-13-59	SAC NH LETTER TO SAC NY RE: SUBJECT W/4 PAGE ENCL	5	5		
3762	11-13-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY RE: SUBJECT	3	0		
3763	11-13-59	SAC NY AIRTEL TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	2	0		
3764	11-16-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY RE: SUBJECT	2	0		
3765	11-16-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC CG RE: 3RD PARTY	2	0		
3766	11-16-59	SA MEMO TO SAC PH RE: SUBJECT	2	0		PROG FILE 4-26-78 SEE NY FILE 100-109849

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3769	11-17-59	SAC AT LETTER TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	6	6		
3769A	11-17-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY RE: SUBJECT	1	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3770	11-18-59	SAC NY AIRTEL TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	3	0		
3771	11-19-59	SAC NY LETTER TO HQ RE: 3RD PARTY	2	0		
3772	11-19-59	SAC AT AIRTEL TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	2	2		
3773	11-19-59	SAC NY LETTER TO RE: SUBJECT	2	2		
3774	11-19-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY RE: SUBJECT	2	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3775	11-24-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC PH RE: SUBJECT	4	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3776	11-24-59	SA MEMO TO SAC CG RE: SUBJECT	2	2		
3776	11-25-59	HQ MEMO TO SAC NY RE: SUBJECT	2	2		

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3777	11-25-59	HQ LETTER TO SAC ALBANY RE: SUBJECT	2	2		1
3778	11-25-59	SAC NY AIRTEL TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	2	0		
3779	11-27-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	1	0		
3780	11-29-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC LA	5	-		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3781	12-1-59	SAC NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1		
3782	12-3-59	SAC NY LETTER TO HQ	2	2		
3783	11-17-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC NEWARK RE: 3RD PARTY	1	1		
3784	12-24-59	ROUTING SLIP	1	1		
3785	12-2-59	SAC PH LETTR TO SAC NY	4	-		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3786	12-2-59	SAC BOSTON LETTER TO HQ	1	1		
3787	12-3-59	HQ LETTER TO SAC NY	2	2		
3788	12-3-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	14	0		
3789	12-4-59	SAC PH AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1		

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3790	12-4-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	2	0		
3790 A	12-4-59	INFORMANT SHEET	1	0		
3791	12-7-59	SAC MI LETTER TO HQ	1	1		
3792	12-7-59	SAC AL LETTER TO HQ	3	3		
3793	12-9-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC LA	3	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3794	12-9-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	2	0		
3795	12-9-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC AT	4	0		
3796	12-9-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC LA	6	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3797	12-10-59	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	1	0		PROCESSED BY 9-20-78 SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3798	12-10-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC PH	21	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3798 A	12-10-59	SA MEMO TO SAC PH RE: 3RD PARTY	4	0		

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3800	12-11-59	SAC PH AIRTEL TO HQ	3	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3801	12-14-59	SAC NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0		
3802	12-14-59	SAC NY LETTER TO, HQ	2	0		
3803	12-15-59	SAC WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	2	0		
3804	12-15-59	HQ MEMO TO SAC NY	2	2		
3805	12-15-59	SAC SL LETTER TO HQ	1	1		
3806	12-16-59	HQ LETTER TO SAC NY	1	1		
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3808	12-16-59	SAC NY LETTER TO SAC MM	5	—		SEE NY FILE 100-109849
3808A	12-16-59	SAC LA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0		
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TITLE OF CASE 1 NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka. National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case		REPORT MADE BY GEORGE V. HUEBSCH	TYPED BY aj
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

REFERENCES

Report of SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH, Milwaukee, 4/13/59.

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Informants used to characterize the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE:
At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will follow and report within the next six months the activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report have been designated for G-2, Milwaukee; G-2, Chicago; ONI, Chicago and OSI, Chicago, in view of the interest of those intelligence agencies in organizations subversive or potentially subversive to the interests of the U. S.

This report has been classified "~~confidential~~" since data reported from MI T-1, MI T-4, MI T-5, MI T-6, MI T-7, MI T-8 and MI T-9 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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Report of: SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH
Date: October 12, 1959

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 100-11982

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Synopsis:

Current objective of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell given as effort to show SOBELL was "kidnaped" from South America and his trial therefore unjustified. Milwaukee Committee supported that objective by letters to Wisconsin congressman [REDACTED]

Chairman and Vice Chairman of Milwaukee Committee identified by [REDACTED] as JOHN GILMAN and WAYNE LEVERENZ, respectively reported as present CP and SWP members. Form post cards of 59 Wisconsin residents sent in greeting to SOBELL at Atlanta Penitentiary. On 3/22/59 Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN gave lecture on SEAN O'CASEY, Irish dramatist, under auspices Milwaukee Sobell Committee. Appearances in Milwaukee, Wis. by Rev. ERWIN GAEDE of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee [REDACTED]

Milwaukee Committee also participated in [REDACTED] national appeal to local clergymen [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

The Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AIMS AND METHODS

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One attorneys for the Sobell case were seeking to reopen consideration of SOBELL's conviction on two grounds: a) that SOBELL had been denied a chance to show he was "kidnaped" from South America; and b) that his trial was, therefore, unjustified: He had been "kidnaped" from one country and tried in another.

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The Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 914 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, telephone BRoadway 2-1130, was one of twelve branches of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City.

OFFICERS

[REDACTED] identified the chairman of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee as JOHN GILMAN. [REDACTED] identified the vice chairman of the committee as WAYNE LEVERENZ, a Socialist Workers Party member.

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JOHN GILMAN, according to [REDACTED] T-4, who gave his information on

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June 4, 1959, was then a member of the Milwaukee County Committee of the Communist Party.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Coordinated Greetings
to MORTON SOBELL

Associate Warden VIRGIL T. BRELAND, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on March 26, 1959, that 59 form post cards from Wisconsin residents had been received at the Atlanta penitentiary addressed to MORTON SOBELL, Inmate 71342. They had been mailed to him during December, 1958, and January, 1959. In form the post cards were identical. The penitentiary, Warden BRELAND said, confiscated the cards in view of the fact that the correspondents were not on SOBELL's approved mailing list.

Milwaukee Lecture by
Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN

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Informant furnished a mimeographed leaflet advertising a talk to be given in Milwaukee's Jefferson Hall, 2617 West Fond du Lac Avenue, by Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN, under the sponsorship of the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. The leaflet stated that Dr. RUBINSTEIN's lecture, entitled "Freedom and Literature" would deal with SEAN O'CASEY, the "world's greatest living dramatist," author of "The Informer."

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Dr. RUBINSTEIN's lecture was held on March 22, 1959, Sunday afternoon, at Jefferson Hall. About twenty-five persons heard her. She was introduced by WAYNE LEVERENZ.

Dr. RUBINSTEIN mentioned the Sobell case only briefly. That was when she compared SOBELL's mother with O'CASEY's mother or with the mother in one of O'CASEY's stories.

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ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN was presented by the Sobell Committee in a discussion of SHAWN O'CASEY's plays on March 22, 1959. Moderator of the discussion was JOHN GILMAN, who spoke of SOBELL's innocence and SOBELL's invention of a system of purification for the hydrogen bomb, the purification designed to eliminate Strontium 90 from the fallout.

RUBINSTEIN recited parts of O'CASEY's plays. She mentioned their social, political and propaganda significance. She emphasized that social reforms have always followed plays.

About thirty people attended the lecture. [REDACTED] b7D

Petitions to Clergymen

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[REDACTED] saw five ministers in Milwaukee had signed the petition.

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Visit to Milwaukee of Rev. ERWIN GAEDE

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Rev. GAEDE's lecture was actually held May 18, 1959. About forty people attended the lecture.

Rev. GAEDE spoke of the perjured testimony at SOBELL's trial. He mentioned that occasionally, despite America's fine system of justice, capital punishment had been meted out to the innocent. He alluded to the "kidnaping" from Mexico of MORTON SOBELL. He also made reference to the various visits MORTON SOBELL had received at the penitentiary from the FBI, visits in which his cooperation was sought in implied return for his possible reunion with his wife and family. Rev. GAEDE pointed out, however, that SOBELL could not "cooperate" because really he did not know anything.

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The "Milwaukee Sentinel," in its issue of May 19, 1959, carried the

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following article:

"A West Coast clergyman and co-founder of a united clergymen's appeal in behalf of atom spy Morton Sobell reviewed reasons why 'an uneasy public' felt the convicted espionage agent's sentence should be commuted Monday night. The Rev. Erwin A. Gaede, Unitarian minister from Los Angeles addressed about 40 persons at a meeting sponsored by the public affairs committee of the First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor St."

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Rev. ERWIN GAEDE said that although he had been apprehensive about his trip to the Midwest, he was now satisfied with its results. He said he had spent three days in Chicago and one in Milwaukee.

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MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on October 16, 1953 that the National Conference on the Rosenberg-Sobell Case was held October 10 and 11, 1953 at Chicago, Illinois, and, as a result thereof, a Milwaukee Branch of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed. [REDACTED] advised that this committee became inactive in the spring of 1955. 67D

[REDACTED] a source advised that the Milwaukee Branch of the Sobell Committee was reactivated [REDACTED] 1957.

[REDACTED] JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, stated that the purpose of the Sobell Committee was to get SOBELL's case before the U. S. Supreme Court. 67D

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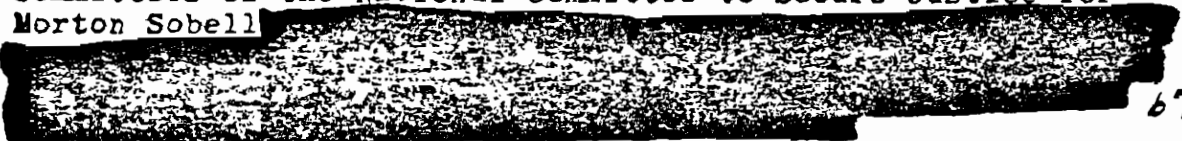
On August 16, 1957, a source advised that JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, and CORA BERBERICH, Treasurer of the Sobell Committee, were members of the Communist Party and that the major portion of the members of the Sobell Committee are members of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] advised that WAYNE LEVERENZ and BETSY STERGAR are Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Sobell Committee. 67D

On July 26, 1957, a source identified LEVERENZ and STERGAR as members of the Socialist Workers Party.

APPENDIX

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On May 14, 1959, a source advised that the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is one of the affiliated Committees of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell



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Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and "Then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 12, 1959

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON
SOBELL

Reference is made to the report of SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The informants referred to in the above report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MIAMI	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date OCT 14 1959	Investigative Period 9/18 - 10/2/59
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by THOMAS C. WASSELL	Typed By: ems
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:
REFERENCE: Report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON dated April 6, 1959 at Miami.

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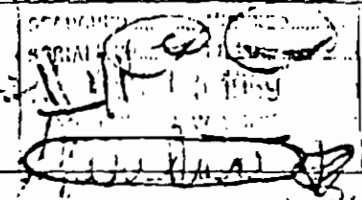
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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will follow and report activity of captioned organization in Miami through confidential informants and/or public releases.

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL
INFORMATION

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Report of: SA THOMAS C. WASSELL
Date: OCT 14 1959

Office: MIAMI

File Number: (Bufile 100-387835) (MM 100-12292)

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: [redacted] advised as follows concerning the Miami Chapter of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell: no formal meeting held since about 1954.

[redacted]
LEAH FELDMAN and ERWIN STANDER solicit and collect financial contributions at Miami, Florida and Miami Beach, Florida, respectively.

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DETAILS

[redacted] advised on September 30, 1959 that no formal meetings of this Miami Chapter of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell have been held since about 1954. A characterization of the Miami Chapter of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell appears in the Appendix hereto.

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[REDACTED] that LEAH FELDMAN solicits and collects financial contributions for the Sobell Committee at Miami, Florida [REDACTED]

that ERWIN STANDER solicits and collects financial contributions at Miami Beach, Florida for the same purpose. b7D

MM T-2 advised in September, 1947 that LEAH FELDMAN was a member of the Town Club No. 3 of the Communist Party in Miami, Florida.

The Communist Party, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 14, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that ERWIN STANDER was at that time Cultural Chairman of the Greater Miami Benevolent Society, a characterization of which appears in the Appendix hereto. b7D

ACTIVITIES OF THE MIAMI CHAPTER OF THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX - A.

GREATER MIAMI BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

On April 12, 1955, a source advised [REDACTED] Inter-
national Workers Order (IWO) in Miami Beach,
Florida [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that in view
of the dissolution of the IWO by the New York
State Department of Insurance, [REDACTED]
to carry on their association and activities by
adopting a new name. The members decided to
adopt as a new name that of the Greater Miami
Benevolent Society. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on May 2, 1957
that the Greater Miami Benevolent Society
continues to carry on the same program outlined b7D
by the IWO and to have substantially the same
membership.

On May 14, 1959, [REDACTED] advised
that the officers of the Greater Miami Benevolent
Society are either Communist Party members or
sympathizers, and that for the most part, the members
are either Communist Party members or sympathizers. b2D

The IWO and the Communist Party, USA,
have been designated by the Attorney General of
the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX - B.

MIAMI CHAPTER OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG-
SOBELL CASE

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Source 1 advised that in March, 1953, the Miami Chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was organized in Miami Beach, Florida.

Sources 2 and 3 have advised that the officers and members of the Miami Chapter are either Communist Party members or supporters.

On May 14, 1959, [REDACTED] advised there has been no change in the leadership of this organization, and he stated the more active members of the Miami Chapter continue to follow the Communist Party line as set out in "The Worker," an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, concerning MORTON SOBELL. b7D

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100-92292 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida

OCT 14 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Reference the report of Special Agent
THOMAS C. WASSELL, dated and captioned as above
at Miami, Florida.

All confidential informants and sources
utilized in this report have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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his identity.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ALBANY
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (134-2086)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7D
Former New York Panel Source

DATE: 10/19/59

[REDACTED] on 9/22/59, was discontinued as a panel source of the NYO. b7D

Should information furnished by [REDACTED] be used in communications suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau, his identity should be concealed by the use of a T symbol. This is being done at his request. b7D

He should be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

On the administrative pages, he should be identified as:

[REDACTED] Former New York Panel Source, followed by the word request in parenthesis. b7D

A copy of this letter is being directed to all files known to contain positive information furnished by former New York Panel Source, [REDACTED] b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of letterhead memorandum to the Bureau.

This letterhead memo is being classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because the information contained therein is known to very few persons and, therefore, could jeopardize the informant's identity.

On 10/16/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the information contained in attached letterhead memorandum. b1

3 - BUREAU (100-387835) (ENCS 5) RM
[REDACTED]

1 - NEW YORK (100-107111) (#41) b1

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